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# THE McCANDLESS FAMILIES

of

Center and Franklin Townships

Butler County

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Humanity is still a child. Our parents are all people who have lived upon the earth—our children, all who are to come. And the dawn at last is breaking. The great day has just begun.

—ERNEST POOLE.



## How This History Came To Be Written

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At a McCandless reunion held in 1897 Josiah M. Thompson was elected historian to gather, as best he could, a correct history of the McCandless connection then in Butler County, Pa. He was to find who their progenitors were, when they came to America, where from, and the names of the first generation American born. At this time four of the first generation American born were yet alive, namely Jane C. Thompson, her brother, William Coulter McCandless, Mrs. Aaron Moore (Keziah) McCandless, and George McCandless. These persons represented three of the four first families of the name McCandless, who were pioneers in Butler County, Pa., and from them was gathered much information concerning the immigration of their fathers. He also gained much from others of the connection who had taken an interest in preserving the records of our forefathers. Our gratitude goes out to him and to all who were interested with him in having these facts recorded. This was the beginning of the recording of the history of the McCandless Families in Center and Franklin Townships, Butler County, Pennsylvania.





## Acknowledgments

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*I count myself in nothing else as happy as in a soul remembering my good friends.*—Shakespeare.

In a similar spirit the compiler also would remember the friends who have cooperated with, advised and encouraged her in the work.

If one were to acknowledge every aid received and the persons who helped in this work it would take much space on these pages.

Many members of the clan have been most obliging in imparting all the information they were able to give. Often several persons aided in the same subject.

A few years ago Miss Aidah Lee spent several weeks in the New York Public Library and elsewhere in an effort to trace the records of the Fish Family of England and America which furnished wives for two of the McCandless settlers in Center Township, Butler County, Pa. Her notes on this section of the history were a valuable aid and are herein included in story form. She also gathered much data on the McCandless Pioneers, this with the information furnished by the Josiah M. Thompson history added valuable assistance in the record of the McCandless settlers.

To this host of friends is extended general acknowledgment and appreciation of their assistance.



## FOREWORD

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There seems to be no one satisfactory way of setting down a list of descendants. In this history we have numbered each person and set the names of the children to the right under their parent's names. This arrangement is very satisfactory for the recent generations, but unfortunately separates the brothers and sisters of the earlier generations. To overcome this difficulty in our system of writing the genealogy, we have, at several points, introduced what we call "outlines" in which we give in as brief space as possible the names of the brothers and sisters in some of the earlier generations, names which, in a complete list of descendants, are so far separated as to cause confusion. Then, also, in an effort to make the whole matter as clear as possible, we have indicated the members of the first generation to be born in America by the Roman numerals, "I", "II", "III", etc; those of the second generation are indicated by capital letters, "A", "B", "C", etc; the third generation is indicated by small letters, "a", "b", "c", etc; the fourth generation is indicated by small letters in parentheses, "(a)", "(b)", "(c)", etc; the fifth generation is indicated by Arabic numerals, "1", "2", "3", etc; the sixth generation is indicated by Arabic numerals in parentheses, "(1)", "(2)", "(3)", etc. Or, to present the same thing graphically:

1. Indicates a member of the first generation American born;
  - A. The second generation;
    - a. The third generation;
      - (a) The fourth generation;
        1. The fifth generation;
          - (1) The sixth generation.



The present committee are far from satisfied with what they have accomplished. No doubt there are errors in this outline. When you reflect that every name, every date, every rewriting is a possible source of error, you will appreciate how it is almost impossible to present a mass of detail such as this is without making a mistake. That there are omissions is, of course apparent. It was simply impossible to run down all the families to the present day. In a few cases, we received conflicting information. In these cases, we either ran down the matter until we were convinced in our own minds as to the correctness of what appears in this volume, or we did not print anything on the point in dispute. This, however, does not account for many omissions. Most of the things left out are left out simply because we could not obtain information. And that leads us to recommend that this study be continued. There should be some individual or a committee appointed to fill out the gaps which are left in the present history and to keep it up to date.





## Lineage of the Fish Family of England and America

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Simon Fish was a lawyer in London in 1531.

The three Fish Brothers, descendants of Simon Fish, came from England to Lynn, Massachusetts, before 1637. They were:

JONATHAN FISH, ancestor of Mary and Nancy Fish McCandless;  
Nathaniel Fish, whose record is not traced, and  
John Fish, whose record is not traced.

JONATHAN FISH, SR., (died 1663) came from England to Lynn, Massachusetts, before 1637. He married Mary ..... The children of Jonathan Fish were:

- I. NATHAN FISH, SR., (died 1734), born in Massachusetts, removed with his parents to New Town, Long Island, New York. He married Elizabeth ..... of one of the best Knickerbocker families of New York. They had fourteen children but only seven are recorded; they were:

- A. Samuel (died 1767), born in New Town (later Queensboro), Long Island, New York. He married ..... His children were:

- a. Colonel Nicholas Fish, born 1758, died 1833, married Elizabeth Stuyvesant.

- (a) Hamilton Fish, born 1808, died 1893.

- b. Nathan Fish, born about 1724.

- c. Jonathan (2nd) founded a home on Long Island, N. Y.

- B. Nathaniel Fish established a home on Long Island, N. Y.

- C. Nathan Fish.

- D. Jonathan Fish.

- E. Elnathan Fish.





F. Ambrose Fish (twin brother of Benjamin Fish).

G. BENJAMIN FISH, married January 11, 1728, Sara Sackett Moore. Their eight children were:

a. Rebecca Fish married Amos Hart, son of John Hart, a signer of the Declaration of Independence.

b. Elizabeth Fish married ..... Phillips.

c. NATHAN FISH II, born in New Town, Queensboro, Long Island, N. Y., in 1734; died in Butler County in 1801; married (1st) .....; married (2nd) in 1779 Jane Campbell, who was born 1740 and died 1796. His three children:

(a) Nathaniel Fish, married in 1777.

1. Rev. Reeder M. Fish.

(b) MARY FISH married George McCandless. See her family under George McCandless, Page 28.

(c) NANCY FISH, born June 7, 1783, died September 26, 1870, married April 23, 1800, William McCandless. Page 36.

d. Nathaniel Fish.

e. John Fish.

f. Benjamin Fish, Jr., reared a family in Trenton, N. J.

g. Josiah Fish.

h. Samuel Fish.

II. Samuel Fish born in Lynn, Mass.

III. John Fish born in Lynn, Mass.



## The Fish Family of England and America

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The Fish family of England is supposed to have been of the Saxon nobility (Fysche) of Kent County, England, having previously removed from Normandy, France, to England, in the thirteenth or fourteenth century.

The coat of arms of the Fish Family has the fleur de lis design topped by recumbent lions. The motto of this family was "Deus dabit".

The first progenitor of the Fish family on record was Simon Fish, a lawyer, in London, England, in 1531. The three brothers, Jonathan, Nathaniel, and John Fish, descendants of Simon Fish, are the first on record of the name to come from England to America. Of these three brothers, Jonathan is the direct ancestor of the George McCandless-Mary Fish family and of the William McCandless-Nancy Fish family, both of Center Township, Butler County, Pa.

### JONATHAN FISH

Jonathan Fish ( -1663), descendant of Simon Fish, was born in England and with his brothers, Nathaniel and John, came to Lynn, Massachusetts, shortly after the Pilgrim Fathers. In 1637 he settled in Sandwich on Cape Cod, Massachusetts. His wife was Mary ..... Their three sons were Nathan, Sr., Samuel and John. Nathan and Samuel were born in Massachusetts.

About 1652 Jonathan and Mary Fish, with their sons and a party of friends and relatives, in company with a clergyman, came from Sandwich, Massachusetts, to Long Island, New York. There they obtained land in what was then New Town (now Queensboro), Long Island, New York. Here Jonathan Fish with his wife and family established their homestead and here the parents spent the remainder of their lives. Jonathan was a magistrate of the new community under the Dutch government from 1661 to 1662. He died in 1663.

### NATHAN FISH, SR.

Nathan Fish, Sr. ( -1734), eldest son of Jonathan and Mary Fish, was born in Massachusetts. He came with his parents and brothers to Long Island, New York, where his father's homestead, the





Jonathan Fish home, was established in New Town (now Queensboro), Long Island, New York. Nathan married Elizabeth ..... of Knickerbocker family of New York and lived on his father's homestead in New Town in which place he was town clerk for fifteen years.

To Nathan Fish, Sr. and his wife Elizabeth were born fourteen children whose names are not all found on record. The names of those recorded are Samuel, Nathaniel, Nathan, Jonathan, Elnathan, Ambrose, and Benjamin. The two last named were twins.

Nathan Fish, Sr. and Elizabeth inherited a great deal of land which they left to their children. He gave the ground for a Presbyterian Church and a Graveyard, both of which still remain at the corner of Queens Boulevard and Grant Street in Elmhurst, Long Island. A new stone church across the street, on Jamaica street car line, is now used. Nathan Fish, Sr. died in 1734 at a great age. In the cemetery mentioned above are his grave and those of two of his sons. He was the great grandfather of Mary and Nancy Fish.

### SAMUEL FISH

Samuel Fish ( -1767), eldest son of Nathan Fish, Sr., mentioned above, was born in New Town, Long Island, New York, where he lived and died on the original Long Island homestead site, known as the Corner House, where he kept an inn. He had three sons, Nicholas, Nathan (born 1724), and Jonathan.

During his life he rebuilt the house known as the Corner House at Elmhurst (New Town), Queensboro, Long Island, New York, where he kept an inn around which centered most of the activities of New Town and Middleburg during the French War of 1754. Samuel Fish was a captain in this war. He entertained General George Washington in his inn, both before and during the Revolutionary activities. He died in 1767 and his son, Jonathan II, became proprietor of the inn.

### BENJAMIN FISH

Benjamin Fish, brother of the Samuel Fish mentioned above, was the ninth child and seventh son of Nathan, Sr. On January 11, 1728, he married Sara Sackett Moore, of Long Island. Her family had in it a number of ministers of note.

Benjamin and Sara's home was a section of his father's homestead



and here their son Nathan (later of Butler County) was born. They had eight children: Rebecca, Elizabeth, Nathan, Nathaniel, John, Benjamin, Josiah, and Samuel.

In 1745 Benjamin, Sara, and family (their son Nathan then being eleven years old) moved to Trenton, New Jersey, where they took a conspicuously active part in all community work, and from this new home of Benjamin, Sr., a number of sons, including Nathan, served in the Revolutionary War. Benjamin was the grandfather of Mary and Nancy Fish.

## NATHAN FISH II.

(Later of Butler County)

Nathan Fish (1734-1801), son of Benjamin and Sara Sackett (Moore) Fish, was born in New Town, Queensboro, Long Island, New York, in 1734, the same year his grandfather, Nathan Fish, died. Nathan II died in Center Township, Butler County, Pa., on August 16, 1801. His parental homestead was a section of the original homestead of his grandparents, Jonathan and Mary Fish. He had five brothers and two sisters. At the age of eleven years, he, with his parents, brothers, and sisters, moved to Ewing (now, Trenton), New Jersey, where he grew to manhood. From this place Nathan and some of his brothers served in the Revolutionary War in New Jersey and in the eastern part of Pennsylvania. Nathan Fish had a cousin by the same name, but ten years older. The two Nathans were officers in the earlier years of the Revolution. One was a Lieutenant and the other a Quartermaster. Our Nathan was married twice. We have no record of the name or date of death of his first wife. Nathan's second wife was Jane Campbell, to whom he was married in 1779. Jane was born in 1740 and died in 1796. The name of Nathan's first wife may be on record in the Historical Library in Trenton, New Jersey. Nathan Fish had three children: Nathaniel, Mary and Nancy. His son, Nathaniel, was living in York County, in 1777. Nathaniel Fish had a son, Rev. Reeder M. Fish, in Lewisburg, Union County, Pa., in 1852.

It is interesting to note that Alexander Hamilton, Jr., and his family moved to Carlisle, Pa., with Nathan Fish and his family. Carlisle was the meeting place of the McCandless and Fish families. Nathan and his daughters, Mary and Nancy, were the only ones in their family living there at the time they joined the party migrating to western Pennsylvania.





Nathan Fish and his daughters, Nancy and Mary, (the latter of whom had recently married George McCandless), together with the McCandless families and others, migrated across the mountains to western Pennsylvania. They stopped for a time in Plum Township, Allegheny County, Pa., as also did a number of the families in the party. Nathan and Nancy Fish with Mary and her husband, George McCandless, later moved thirty miles farther on into Center Township, Butler County. Here Nathan Fish resided until his death in 1801. He died at the age of sixty-six years and is buried in the Unionville Cemetery. His daughter, Nancy Fish, married William McCandless in 1800. (See their history beginning on page 35). Time has almost obliterated the following lines on Nathan's tombstone:

*Life's duty done as sinks the clay,  
Light from its load the spirit flies,  
While heaven and earth combine to say  
How blest the righteous when they die.*

### NICHOLAS FISH

Nicholas Fish (1758-1833), son of Samuel Fish, married Elizabeth Stuyvesant, a lineal descendant of Peter Stuyvesant, last Dutch governor of New Netherland. He lived in New York and founded a large family of more or less illustrious public men. He served in the Continental army and was a Colonel under General George Washington. He was wounded in the Battle of Monmouth on June 28, 1778, one of the darkest hours of the Revolutionary War.

Colonel Nicholas Fish was a close and trusted friend of Washington and a life-long friend of the Secretary of the Treasury, Alexander Hamilton, in whose honor he named his eldest son, Hamilton Fish. Since that time, the name Hamilton has been given to the eldest son of four successive generations of the Fish Family, the latest of which is Hamilton Fish IV, member of Congress from New York. In 1796 President George Washington appointed Colonel Nicholas Fish supervisor of United States Revenue.



### HAMILTON FISH

Hamilton Fish, Sr., (1808-1893), son of Nicholas Fish, was a lawyer, statesman, and diplomat. In 1842 he was elected to Congress, six years later he was Governor of New York, and in 1851 he became a United States Senator. For eight years (1869-1877) he served as Secretary of State in President Grant's cabinet. His son, Hamilton Fish, was assistant Treasurer of the United States from 1903 to 1908.

### STUYVESANT FISH

Stuyvesant Fish (1851-1924), son of Hamilton Fish, Sr., was an American capitalist and railroad official, and, for a number of years, was head of the Illinois Central Railroad.



## The McCandlesses in Ireland and Scotland

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When one begins to write about his McCandless ancestors in Ireland or in Scotland, he finds a great deal of confusion. We know, in a general way, that the McCandlesses left Scotland and went to Ireland, but it is not possible to say, from any information we now have, just which one was our ancestor. We can think of three reasons for this confusion.

In the first place, the Scottish Highlanders were divided into several groups each of which spoke a language slightly different from that spoken by the other groups. So when a name was handed from one group to the next, the spelling was changed. In the second place, reading and writing were then accomplishments possessed by comparatively few persons and the persons who could write wrote phonetically. They spelled "by ear" because it was not considered necessary to be particular in the spelling of names or of any other words. Thus, in Scotland and Ireland, the same thing happened as happened in other parts of the world at that time—we find the same name spelled in all sorts of ways. Lastly, the McCandlesses had good reasons for keeping out of the history of that time. They had espoused the cause of James as the successor of Queen Anne when the English Parliament seated George of Hanover on the English throne and the Parliament was subjecting James's partisans to all manner of persecution the least of which was confiscation of property.

We are told that MacCandlish is the name of a family of people in the West Highlands of Scotland and that they were descendants of a man named Candlish. He was a man of considerable property and his family perpetuated his name as the progenitor of the numerous branches of the family, each branch spelling the name with slight variations. "Mac" means "son of". Thus we have McAnlis, McCandlis, and MacCandless or MacCandles or McCandless. All of these were pronounced in the broad Scotch "MacCanlay" and this also was the way the French pronounced our present spelling McCandless. This, incidentally, shows the influence the French then exerted in Scotland.

Then also, we know that, between 1675 and 1700, a young West Highland chieftain named Candlish McCandlish married a daughter of the powerful family of Buchanan of Buchanan Castle, Loch Lomond, Scotland. They had seven stalwart sons. During these years there





were religious and political differences between England and Scotland, and for political reasons Canalish McCandlish and six of his sons left Scotland for Ireland, landing in Belfast before 1715. They acquired property for each of the sons. Two located in County Antrim, two in County Derry, and two in County Donegal. We cannot definitely connect these with our family, but the given names of their descendants read so much like the names in our own family that we feel that there must be some connection between them and us which some future historian may establish. We are all the more convinced of this connection because the traditions in our family have it that our ancestors came from these same Irish Counties after their ancestors had migrated thither from Scotland. But, as already said, this is surmise rather than history. We are introducing these details here merely to show that there was quite a general drift of migration from Scotland to the north of Ireland.

Our McCandlesses were Scotch-Irish; that is, Scotchmen transplanted into Ireland. There is no evidence to show that they intermarried with the Irish in Ireland. They retained their Presbyterianism and other Scotch characteristics. They lived among the Irish but were not of them. These Scotch characteristics, along with some new versatility in language and wit, which they had acquired from the Irish, they brought with them to their new home in America.





## The Early Settlers of the McCandless Family 1790 - 1795

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In 1763, fourteen years before the signing of the Declaration of Independence, one George McCandless leased land in Cumberland County, Pennsylvania. So far as known, his is the earliest record of a man by that name in what has since become the United States of America. Several of his sons were in the Revolutionary War. He kept a tavern in the hamlet of Milton in Cumberland County, Pennsylvania. In this hamlet were one other dwelling, a blacksmith shop, and a few scattered cabins. Four days after the signing of the Declaration an election of delegates to the state Constitutional Convention was held at his tavern. During one of the Indian raids, two years later, all these homes were burned.

From this county several other men by the name of McCandless entered the Continental Army and afterward came back and lived and died within the county.

A few years later a second George McCandless was a lessee of land in Cumberland County. He (later known as Butler County George) came from Antrim County, Ireland, at nineteen years of age, and with him were cousins of his by the name of Carothers, which was his mother's maiden name.

What relation the first George McCandless, already settled in Cumberland County, was to our Butler County George, we do not know.

This second George (to whom only reference is made hereafter) had left in Ireland his parents, John and Jane (Carothers) McCandles, who were the parents of six children; viz. John, George, James, William, Jane, and Elizabeth. These sons will hereafter be referred to as "the four McCandless brothers" to distinguish them from other McCandlesses.

When these sons grew to manhood, they longed to come to the new country of which they had heard and read so much—the United States of America. But they feared that the country might not be all it was represented to be. So the family sent their son George to visit America and report.

On his arrival in the United States, George McCandless went to



Cumberland County, and, so the records tell us, leased land. We are also informed that he became associated with a well-to-do ex-Revolutionary soldier named Nathan Fish, then about fifty-five years of age, who was living near Carlisle, Pennsylvania, with his daughters, Mary and Nancy, and who also was the father of Nathaniel Fish who was then living in the adjoining county of York.

Being well pleased with this country, George sent word to Ireland advising his parents, brothers, sisters, and cousins to come to America. Then his elder brother, John, with his wife Mary (Smith) and their little daughter, emigrated to America. John's report to his relatives in Ireland evidently corroborated the one which George had sent earlier, and, when both sons sent home a good report of America, John and Jane (Carothers) McCandless and the remaining brothers and sisters all came over, and, with them, came three nephews of the father who, of course, were cousins of John and George. The names of these three nephews were Robert, David, and William McCandless. Of these, Robert had married Jane McCandless, daughter of John and Jane (Carothers) McCandless, before leaving Ireland. At the same time there came cousins of theirs by the name of Carothers, which was the maiden name of the mother of John and George McCandless.

On their arrival in the United States, all of them except James (who became ill and was for a time in a hospital in Philadelphia), came westward as far as Carlisle, Cumberland County, where George and John and the latter's family were then residing and where Nathan Fish and his daughters, Mary and Nancy, also lived. George McCandless and Mary Fish were married about this time.

These reunited parents, children, cousins, and friends did not remain long in Carlisle, but soon joined a large party which was made up there for the purpose of migrating across the mountains to the wilderness of western Pennsylvania. Nathan Fish and his younger daughter, Nancy, also joined the party. They seem to have had with them almost every provision known to the time. On their pack horses were iron, furs, Bibles, and, among other provisions, what may have been the first bag of salt to be brought across the mountains.

On their arrival in Plum Township, Allegheny County, these relatives and some others of the party again halted—some of them for a short period only. But here the parents, John and Jane (Carothers) McCandless, established their permanent home and lived the remainder of their lives. For a time, part of the family lived with them. The





Carothers cousins also established homes in this same vicinity. In later years, and up to 1926, a number of Carothers homesteads were in this vicinity, in or near where Monroeville now stands. The oldest son, John McCandless, while living in Plum Township, engaged in the business of buying and selling cattle.

Most of the men of the party, however, pushed thirty or forty miles farther west. Among them were George and a number of other McCandless men. They started out to found homes and to make way for homes for the rest of their party. They followed Indian trails into the wilds of Butler County and located in the region later known as Franklin and Center Townships. These young men procured as many 424-acre tracts of land as there were men in the party. They then built a cabin on each tract. Naturally each man was desirous of having a good location, and, that there might be no favoritism shown to any one, they agreed to name and number each location. Names were given to each of the cabins; such as, Eden, Hickory, The Hermitage, Glenn, Partnership Farm, Thorn Tent, and Stony Hollow. Slips of paper bearing the name and number of each were placed in a hat while a list bearing the name and number of each of the sixty men was handed to one of the colonists. The first slip taken from the hat and the name and number of the cabin found on that slip was credited to the man of the number on the list and so on until all the farms and cabins were distributed. As the region had not yet been surveyed, it was agreed that if, after the survey, two persons should be found to occupy the same 424 acres, the neighbor on the north should relinquish his claim and take the next unsettled tract of 400 acres to the north. This plan worked admirably and within the year many of the settlers had established permanent residences. George McCandless then returned from Butler County to his family in Plum Township to tell them of the promising hills and valleys in what are now Franklin and Center Townships and of what had been accomplished there and of the plans to have those remaining in Plum Township return and take up their claims.

As there were fifty or more of these young men, they took up quite a large tract of the country, most of which lay in what are now Franklin and Center Townships, Butler County. The locations of the different tracts which the McCandless men drew is given later in the paragraphs under the owners' names. The given name of only one of these tracts can be positively located, this being "The Hermitage", credited to William McCandless, son of John and Jane (Carothers) McCandless.





By purchase William McCandless added about six hundred acres to his original four hundred making his holding about a thousand acres. This tract, like all the other tracts, has been divided into several farms; but some of his land, together with the site of the first log cabin home, is still owned and occupied by his grandson, Jennings C. McCandless, and still bears the name "The Hermitage".



## Names of Immigrants

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The John and Jane (Carothers) McCandless Family, born in Ireland, settled in Center Township, Butler County, Pennsylvania, in 1796, consisted of the following:

John McCandless ( -1810), married Mary Ann Smith in Ireland. They had six children. See page 26.

George McCandless ( - ), married Mary Fish of Carlisle, in 1794. They had five children. See page 28.

James McCandless ( -1840), married Margaret Moore of Center Township. She died in 1847. They had five children. See page 32.

William McCandless (1777-1850), married Nancy Fish of Center Township in 1801. They had eleven children. See page 35.

Jane McCandless married Robert McCandless in Ireland. They had five children. See page 75.

Elizabeth McCandless married Anthony Thompson of Center Township. They had one child. See page 81.

### THE FIRST GROUP OF THREE McCANDLESS BROTHERS

These came from Ireland and settled in Center and Franklin Townships in 1796. Their names were:

Robert M. McCandless married Jane McCandless. They had five children. See page 82.

David McCandless married ..... They had six children. See page 82.

William McCandless (Tailor Billy) married ..... They had five children. See page 83.



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## THE SECOND GROUP OF THREE McCANDLESS BROTHERS

These came from Ireland and settled in Franklin Township in 1819.  
Their names were:

Robert S. McCandless married Polly McCandless. They had eight children. See page 87.

James McCandless married Jane (Jennie) McCandless. They had four children. See page 89.

George C. McCandless married Hannah McCandless. They had four children. See page 92.





## John and Jane (Carothers) McCandless

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John and Jane (Carothers) McCandless came from County Down, Ireland, before 1796, in company with four of their children, James, William, Elizabeth, and Jane, the latter's husband, Robert M. McCandless, and two of Robert's brothers, David and William. One of John and Jane McCandless's sons had preceded them to America by two years, and another son by one year. The parents and their company stopped in Carlisle, Pa., where these two sons, George and John, were then living, the latter with a family of his own. Nathan Fish and his two daughters, Mary and Nancy, were also living in Carlisle at this time. After remaining here a short time, all of those so far mentioned, together with their families and some of their friends, moved across the mountains to Plum Township, Allegheny County, Pa. Here they located and established homes and here John and Jane (Carothers) McCandless lived the remainder of their lives.

They were not alone among strangers in their new location. Some of the Carothers cousins established homes in the same vicinity, and acquaintances came from across the mountains, so that quite a settlement of relatives and friends was established. The hills around Monroeville were once dotted with Carothers homesteads very much as the hills around Unionville were once dotted with the homesteads of the McCandlesses. As late as 1926, there still were several of the Carothers descendants to be found in Plum Township. Since then, however, these few have removed to other parts, leaving only the markers in the church yard to tell the names of the pioneer settlers.

The ages and dates of death of John and Jane McCandless are not known, but it is said that they lived to old age. History says that their graves are by the old stone church on the hill above Turtle Creek in Plum Township. In 1926 descendants of John and Jane Carothers McCandless visited this vicinity and found that the only stone church in all this region is the one in Monroeville, which was formerly a part of Plum Township. It is about six miles from Wilkinsburg, Pa. This stone church, which is fifty or more years old and a very attractive building, is the second building on the same site. The first church also was of stone. It is located on a hill, a beautiful spot by the forks of the



road, on the edge of Monroeville. The cemetery is close by and almost surrounds the church. It is one or two acres in size and well kept in modern fashion. The oldest part of the cemetery lies close by the church, within two rods of it. No tombstones with the name McCandless on them can be found. However, there are a number of graves unmarked and numerous tombstones so old that the lettering has crumbled from the face of the marble slabs. The oldest marker legible is dated 1810. In this same section of the graveyard there are many stones bearing the name Carothers. This stone church and cemetery are about thirty-five miles from Butler by way of Oakmont, located between Butler and Pittsburgh, southeast of the Allegheny River.

From descriptions and statements given in historical works we are convinced that this is the burial spot of our first McCandless ancestors on American soil, John and Jane (Carothers) McCandless.



## The John and Jane (Carothers) McCandless Family and Some of Their Descendents

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### JOHN McCANDLESS

John McCandless, born in Ireland, died 1810, the eldest son of John and Jane Carothers McCandless, was the pioneer settler on a tract of land in Center Township part of which was later known as the farm of Rudolph Bortmas, located near Queen Junction. John McCandless married Mary Ann Smith in Ireland and their first child, a daughter, was born there. John was the first sheriff of Butler County. Their children were:

- I. Mary McCandless married William Turner. She was known as "Aunt Mollie Turner".
- II. Elizabeth McCandless married ..... Turk. She was the first female white child born in Center Township.
- III. Jane (Jennie) McCandless married William Humes Thompson, son of John and Martha (Humes) Thompson. See page 93.
  - A. Colonel John M. Thompson.
  - B. William G. Thompson, an attorney of Marion, Iowa.
  - C. Solomon Thompson married Martha Ann McCandless, daughter of Nathan McCandless. See page 46.
- IV. Nancy McCandless married William Patterson.
- V. John S. McCandless married (1st) Martha (Mattie) Thompson, daughter of John and Martha (Humes) Thompson. See page 94. Martha died. John S. married (2nd) Jemima McCandless, daughter of William and Nancy Fish McCandless. See page 71. He resided on his father's pioneer homestead. The children by his first marriage were:







- A. John G. McCandless married Jennie Glenn.
- a. Thomas McCandless married .....
- (a) Arthur McCandless.
  - (b) Wade McCandless.
  - (c) Lela McCandless.
  - (d) Ruth McCandless.
  - (e) Vernie McCandless
  - (f) Vera McCandless
- } Twins
- b. Lawrence McCandless (Laurie) married .....
- (a) Rose McCandless.
  - (b) Jennie McCandless.
  - (c) Lee McCandless.
- B. Keziah J. McCandless married (1st) Dr. Josiah McCandless, son of William and Nancy (Fish) McCandless. See page 64. Married (2nd) in 1889, William A. Christie.
- C. Martha Matilda McCandless married Humes McCandless, son of Nathan McCandless. See page 42. She died, aged 22 years.
- D. Humes Smith McCandless, died in old age, unmarried.
- E. Washington (Wash) McCandless, died in young manhood, unmarried.
- F. Ada Zinda McCandless married George Hockenberry.
- a. Charles Hockenberry married Dora Gruver, daughter of Philip Gruver.
- (a) George Hockenberry married Mary Stewart.
1. George Stewart Hockenberry.



(b) Mary Hockenberry married Lawrence Gardner.

1. Dora Gardner.
2. Dewey Gardner.
3. Marian Gardner.
4. Lawrence Gardner.
5. Charles Gardner.

(c) Dr. Laurie Hockenberry married Edna Thorpe.

1. Jane Ann Hockenberry.

(d) Ralph Hockenberry.

(e) Horace Hockenberry.

(f) Charles Hockenberry.

(g) Paul Hockenberry.

(h) Rachel Hockenberry.

Children by John S. McCandless's second marriage:

G. William Porter McCandless.

H. Imelda McCandless.

I. Curtis McCandless. See under Jemima McCandless, page 72.

VI. George W. McCandless married Susannah ..... George W. died, Susannah later married Sam Miller.

### GEORGE McCANDLESS

George McCandless, born in Ireland, the second son of John and Jane (Carothers) McCandless, married Mary Fish of Carlisle, Pa., in 1794. In 1796, as a pioneer settler, he cleared a tract of land in Center Township where he established his home and reared his family. One of the first frame barns in the township was built on this farm and is



still standing (1929). This farm, near Holyoke, was later owned by Samuel Irwin. The five children of George and Mary (Fish) McCandless were:

- I. John McCandless, born August 24, 1798, died 1860, married Jemima Sullivan who died 1881. John was the first white male child born in Center Township. He was known as "Judge John", having been chosen one of the two first Associate Judges of Butler County in 1851. John McCandless and his wife were buried in the Butler Cemetery located where the present Senior High School is now located and later reinterred in the North Cemetery, Butler, Pa.
  - A. George S. McCandless married ..... McCandless, resided at New Castle, Pa.
  - B. Susannah McCandless married Jeremiah B. McCandless, resided in West Virginia. See page 75.
  - C. Polly McCandless married George McCandless, son of John (Jack) McCandless of Franklin Township. See page 75.
  - D. Mary A. McCandless married Robert McKissick, Euclid, Pa.
  - E. Charles McCandless married Catherine Zimmerman, Butler, Pa. He was a Law Judge of the Butler County Courts.
  - F. Keziah McCandless married Robert M. Russell of Center Township. See page 80.
    - a. John M. Russell married Mary A. McCandless. See page 72.
  - G. Minerva McCandless, died unmarried, resided in Butler, Pa.
  - H. Elizabeth C. McCandless married Anson Christy, son of Williamson Christy, and brother of Alvin Christy. Resided in Iowa.
  - I. Samuel K. McCandless, died in service, October, 1864.





II. Mary A. McCandless married David Porter. They resided in Slippery Rock Township.

A. Fannie Porter married Rev. Samuel Williams, who was born October 25, 1820, and was pastor of Muddy Creek Presbyterian Church from May 23, 1857, until his death May 11, 1895, a period of 38 years.

a. David Porter Williams, D. D., married Minnie McCandless. See page 40.

b. Mary Williams.

B. .... Porter married ..... Vincent.

a. Mary Vincent married ..... Covert.

b. Augusta Vincent married Luther Clark.

c. Alma Vincent.

d. Ada Vincent married ..... George. } Twins.

III. Elizabeth McCandless married William Porter.

IV. Robert McCandless married Mary Jack.

A. Mary McCandless married E. D. Eagal.

a. Orenzo W. Eagal ("Ren").

b. Nora Eagal married Rudolph Bortmas.

(a) Ralph Bortmas.

(b) Dewolf Bortmas.

(c) Mary Bortmas married Chauncey Elliott.

c. Hattie Eagal married Harry J. Thompson, a descendant of Elizabeth McCandless. See page 81.

(a) Mary Estella Thompson.

(b) Edna Myrtle Thompson married Carl A. Kihm.

1. Hetty Loraine Kihm.

2. Walter Carl Kihm.



(c) Dr. Raymond Thompson married Bertine Loveland.

1. Raymond Jack Thompson.

2. Lois Lillian Thompson.

(d) Lenora Thompson.

(e) Ruth Janet Thompson.

(f) Elizabeth Thompson.

(g) Lillian Thompson, died aged 18 months.

B. Elizabeth McCandless married Frank Fleeger.

a. Dora Fleeger.

b. Lee Fleeger.

c. Aaron Fleeger, died.

d. Estelle Fleeger.

e. Heber Fleeger.

f. Aline Fleeger.

g. Waldron Fleeger.

C. Jane McCandless married Samuel Irwin.

a. Mary Irwin.

b. John Irwin.

c. James Irwin married Martha Sablin.

(a) John Albert Irwin.

(b) James Clinton Irwin married .....

1. Patsy Ruth Irwin.

d. Isabel Irwin.

e. Carrie Irwin.

f. Eva Irwin.

g. Clark Irwin.



- V. Keziah McCandless married Aaron Moore McCandless. (See family under Aaron Moore McCandless, page 32).

### JAMES McCANDLESS

James McCandless, born in Ireland, died 1840, third son of John and Jane (Carothers) McCandless, as a pioneer, settled the tract of land in Center Township, part of which, in later years, was known as the farm of his son, John M. McCandless, whose family was reared on this homestead. The barn on this farm, erected in 1828, was the first frame building in Center Township and it stood until recent years. This farm is located about one mile south of Unionville on the Butler-Mercer Pike. James McCandless married Margaret Moore, daughter of Aaron Moore, and sister of the Elizabeth Moore who married David McJunkin. The five children of James and Margaret (Moore) McCandless were:

- I. Margaret Elizabeth McCandless, born ....., died 1847, married Robert McCandless, son of ..... They resided in Illinois.
- II. John M. McCandless married Nancy McCandless, daughter of William and Nancy (Fish) McCandless. They lived on his father's farm. See family under Nancy McCandless, page 53.
- III. David McCandless married Susan McJunkin, daughter of David McJunkin. They had a family and resided in Kansas.
- IV. George McCandless married Peggy Thompson.
- V. Aaron Moore McCandless, born January 7, 1810, died 1888, married March 6, 1833, Keziah McCandless, daughter of George and Mary (Fish) McCandless. Keziah was born December 27, 1809, died 1893. See page 32. They resided on part of the old homestead and were the parents of twelve children:
  - A. Peggy Ann McCandless, born December 31, 1833, died July 13, 1841.
  - B. Mary McCandless, born April 12, 1835, died June 8, 1857, married Albert Scott.
  - C. Dr. James Newton McCandless, born December 4, 1836, married Kate Herr. He died in Arizona.
    - a. Lewis McCandless.
    - b. Kate McCandless.





- D. Amanda McCandless, born November 15, 1838, died May 4, 1839.
- E. George W. McCandless, born March 16, 1840, died February 15, 1847.
- F. Margaret A. (Peggy Ann) McCandless, born November 9, 1841, died June 7, 1926, married February, 1863, Robert Thompson, son of William and Margaret Thompson and grandson of Robert M. and Jane (McCandless) Thompson. See page 80.
  - a. Levert Thompson married Edith McCandless. See page 66.
    - (a) Mildred Thompson married Frank Holland.
    - (b) Laura Thompson married Charles Miller.
  - b. Blanche Thompson married James Wise.
    - (a) Brooks Wise.
    - (b) Paul Wise.
  - c. Belle Thompson married Harry Cain.
- G. Infant son, born September 7, 1843, died September 22, 1843.
- H. Aaron Moore McCandless, Jr., born November 7, 1844, died September 25, 1874, married Belle Eaken.
  - a. Levert McCandless.
  - b. Etta McCandless married Charles Launer.
    - (a) .....
    - (b) .....
    - (c) .....
- I. Loyal Y. McCandless, born September 7, 1846, died January 28, 1887, married Mary Findley, daughter of Samuel Findley.



a. Harry McCandless married Stella Moser.

(a) Guy McCandless.

(b) Donald McCandless.

(c) Anita McCandless married C. R. Rauschenberger.

l. Richard G. Rauschenberger.

b. Chalmers McCandless.

c. Charlotte McCandless married J. Q. A. McDowell.

(a) Paul McDowell.

(b) Ruth McDowell.

(c) Mary E. McDowell.

J. Keziah McCandless, born July 28, 1849, married John Albert.

a. George Albert.

b. Jessie Albert.

c. Lulu Albert.

d. Ford Albert.

e. Paul Albert.

f. Hazel Albert.

g. Babe Albert.

h. Nellie Albert.

K. Dr. George A. McCandless, born January 8, 1852, married Lena Uhl of Lincoln, Nebraska, died—.

a. Aaron McCandless, died—.

b. Laura McCandless married William Hall of Nebraska.



L. Levert L. McCandless, born August 5, 1856, died 1928, married Sarah Kaufman. Sarah died 1927.

a. Aaron M. McCandless married Ella McCall.

b. Merritt McCandless married Florence Wise.

(a) .....

c. Elgie McCandless (ex-County Treasurer).

d. Eva McCandless married William Albert.

(a) .....

(b) .....

e. Kittie McCandless married ..... Biggert.  
She died 1927.

f. Verna McCandless married John Ruber.

g. Sylvia McCandless married Dunlap Wise.

(a) Thelma Wise.

(b) Jack Wise.

h. May McCandless married Earl Brown.

(a) .....

### WILLIAM McCANDLESS

William McCandless was born in Ireland October 20, 1777, and died in Center Township February 19, 1850. He was the youngest son of John and Jane (Carothers) McCandless. As a pioneer, in 1796, at the age of nineteen years, he came to Center Township with his brothers. He settled on a tract of four hundred and twenty-four acres of land then known, and still known, as "The Hermitage". It is located about one and one-half miles north of Unionville, on the road leading from Unionville to Isle. By purchase he added to his holdings until he had about a thousand acres. Later this was divided into several farms. The old homestead where William located, lived, and died, is still owned by descendants. It is the only one of the original homesteads form-





erly owned by the four McCandless brothers that is still held by lineal descendants of the same name.

On April 23, 1800, William McCandless married Nancy Fish, daughter of Nathan Fish. They were the parents of eleven children, all of whom grew to manhood and womanhood. Nine of their children married and reared families.

About the year 1835, William McCandless built his second house. This house, although twice remodelled, is the present residence on this homestead, and is located some feet to the left of and about five rods in front of the original cabin site. In this home William McCandless lived the last fifteen or seventeen years of his life. He and his family were members of the Muddy Creek Presbyterian Church of which William was a ruling elder for many years. At the time of William's death, those of his family still in the home were his wife, Nancy Fish, his daughter, Mary Ann, and his son, William Coulter, the other members of his family having previously married and taken up their abode elsewhere. William's son, Porter, died at the age of twenty-one, preceding his father in death by six years. William died in his seventy-third year, forty-nine years after his marriage.

At William's death, the farm descended to his son, William Coulter, who, with his mother, Nancy (Fish), and his sister, Mary Ann, continued their residence together for fifteen years, or until William Coulter's marriage on February 2, 1865, after which William Coulter's wife, Amelia (Bingham), was added to the household. Mary Ann McCandless preceded her mother in death by five years. Mary Ann died December 23, 1865. Nancy died September 26, 1870, having survived her husband twenty years. William McCandless and his wife Nancy are buried in the Unionville Cemetery as also are their seven sons and two of their daughters, Mary Ann and Mrs. Jemima Rodgers. One of their daughters, Mrs. Jane Thompson, is buried in the Muddy Creek Cemetery; and another daughter, Mrs. Nancy (McCandless) McCandless in the North Cemetery, Butler.

This homestead was later owned in section by three of William Coulter's sons, William B., Origen G. and Jennings C. McCandless, whose children are the third generation reared on the "Hermitage" homestead.



## Outline of the William and Nancy (Fish) McCandless Family

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William McCandless, born October 20, 1777, died February 19, 1850, married April 23, 1801, Nancy Fish, who was born June 7, 1783, and died September 26, 1870. Their children, the first generation born and reared on the pioneer homestead, "The Hermitage", Center Township, Butler County, Pa., were as follows:

- I. John F. McCandless, born March 27, 1802, died March 14, 1869, married (1st) December 28, 1832, married (2nd) ..... Nine children to the first marriage. See page 38.
- II. Nathan Fish McCandless, born December 28, 1803, died January 31, 1891, married (1st) 1831, married (2nd) 1858. Twelve children. See page 42.
- III. Jane Carothers McCandless, born January 15, 1806, died December 16, 1893, married December 28, 1832. Seven children. See page 50.
- IV. Nancy Fish McCandless, born February 1, 1808, died July 26, 1892, married ..... Thirteen children. See page 53.
- V. Mary Ann McCandless, born May 18, 1810, died December 23, 1865. Unmarried. See page 57.
- VI. Robert W. McCandless, born November 22, 1812, died June 10, 1877, married April 29, 1843. Ten children. See page 57.
- VII. Dr. Josiah McCandless, born March 6, 1816, died January 5, 1875, married June 18, 1854. Ten children. See page 64.
- VIII. Anderson McCandless, born May 26, 1818, died November 26, 1884, married June 28, 1846. Nine children. See page 66.
- IX. Jemima McCandless, born January 16, 1820, died February 27, 1893, married (1st) ....., married (2nd) ..... Three children. See page 71.
- X. Porter McCandless, born January 22, 1823, died November 12, 1844, unmarried. See page 72.
- XI. William Coulter McCandless, born November 7, 1825, died December 23, 1901, married February 2, 1865. Nine children. See page 72.





## The William and Nancy (Fish) McCandless Family and Their Descendents

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- I. John F. McCandless, born March 27, 1802, died March 14, 1869, lived in his parental home until the age of thirty years. His farm was given him by his father. It is located on the Butler-Mercer Pike about one mile north of Unionville and known as the Harrison McCandless Farm. On this farm John F. lived for thirty-seven years and reared his family. He was a trustee in the Muddy Creek Presbyterian Church for years and one of the building committee for the present brick church. He married (1st) in 1832 Nancy Hays, daughter of William Hays. Nancy died October 11, 1853, aged 42 years. John F. married (2nd) Nancy Rebecca Jack, who died without children. The following nine children were born to the first marriage:
  - A. Mary Jane McCandless married James Findley. They lived in Pennsylvania, then later moved to Kansas where both died.
    - a. Margaret Findley married Howard Pryer.
    - b. John Lowrie Findley, died 1881 while a student in the senior class at W. & J. College.
    - c. Howard Findley.
    - d. Luther Findley.
    - e. .... Findley died in infancy.
  - B. Nancy Ann McCandless, born March 26, 1836, died August 1, 1914, married Jackson Miller. Jackson born June 11, 1829, died March 18, 1909.
    - a. Mary Miller married Henry Thompson.
    - b. Olive Miller.
    - c. Anna Miller.





- C. Emeline McCandless, born June 24, 1838, died August 25, 1926. In 1865, she married James Stirling Glenn, who was born December 2, 1843, died October 1, 1926. They were married 61 years. Both passed away within two months of each other.
- a. Jennie Belle Glenn married Rollins Buck.
  - b. Dr. Milton L. Glenn married Cora Patton, daughter of Samuel Patton.
    - (a) Lowrie Glenn.
  - c. Mary Glenn.
  - d. Cora Glenn.
  - e. S. John Glenn married Blanche Crawford, daughter of T. A. Crawford.
    - (a) Sara Glenn married James L. Swaney.
    - (b) Eleanor Glenn married Walter Beye Uber, son of Rev. G. A. Uber of Baltimore.
  - f. Anna Glenn, died August 30, 1911.
- D. William Harrison McCandless, born December 21, 1840, died February 27, 1916. On March 8, 1865, married Harriet Newell Glenn, a sister of James Stirling Glenn and Walker Glenn.
- a. Caroline Belle McCandless married Robert Mellon. Caroline died 1906.
  - b. Dr. M. Lowrie McCandless married Gertrude Lyon, daughter of Thomas H. and Julia (Thompson) Lyon. See page 52.
    - (a) Lyon H. McCandless married Elizabeth Chambers Elkins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Lukens Elkins.
      - 1. Lyon H. McCandless, Jr.
      - (b) Helen McCandless.
      - (c) Lowrie McCandless married .....



- c. Minnie R. McCandless married Rev. D. P. Williams, D. D., son of the late Rev. Samuel W. and Fannie (Porter) Williams. See page 30.

(a) Samuel Harrison Williams.

(b) Harriett Glenn Williams.

(c) David Porter Williams.

- d. Myrta McCandless married H. Curtis Hindman, West Sunbury. She died May 13, 1903.

(a) Jean Hindman married H. C. Anderson.

- e. Everette McCandless married Anna Skinner.

(a) Edward Lowrie McCandless.

(b) Harriett Newell McCandless.

- E. John Milton McCandless, died in early manhood while attending Iron City College, Pittsburgh, Pa.

- F. Porter McCandless, died August 9, 1846, aged 8½ months.

- G. Jennings Coulter McCandless, born April 18, 1848, died July 12, 1921; married Angeline Walker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Abram Walker. Angeline died August 12, 1914. Resided in Petersville, Pa.

- a. Blanche McCandless married Charles K. Rea, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Rea.

(a) Anglyn Rea married Dr. Robert Clark.

(b) Martha Rea married Ray Miller.

1. Dolores Ann Miller.

- b. John Franklin McCandless married (1st) Charlotte Black, daughter of Robert Black. Charlotte died April 30, 1903. John F. married (2nd) Nettie Frazier. John F. died January 21, 1910.



Five children to first marriage:

(a) }  
(b) } Twin daughters died in infancy.

(c) Clair McCandless.

(d) Clifford McCandless, died 1926 in young manhood.

(e) Charles McCandless, died August 14, 1918, aged 8 or 9 years.

c. Mabel McCandless married Elisha S. Bailey, son of Hope Bailey.

(a) Hope Bailey married Mabel Ruden.

(b) Kenneth Bailey.

(c) Josephine Bailey married Theodore Mitchell.

1. Rebecca Hope Mitchell.

2. Richard Mitchell.

d. Leanna McCandless married Stephen Stright, Jr.

(a) Stephen Stright III.

(b) Jennings Stright.

(c) Leanna Stright.

II. Sara Belle McCandless, married (1st) Findley Sloan, died in 1876. She married (2nd) Alexander Wilson, who died September, 1925. Three children to the first marriage:

a. Luella Sloan married Samuel Norris, son of Henry Norris. Luella died June, 1894.

(a) Ruth Norris married Harley Fornof.

1. George Norris Fornof.





b. Mildred Sloan married Clyde Eakin, son of William and Elizabeth Eakin. Clyde died 1907.

(a) Gladys Eakin.

(b) Luella Eakin.

(c) Sara Eakin.

c. Jennings Berton Sloan married Lily Sloan. He died—.

I. Minerva McCandless, died August 11, 1853, aged six months.

II. Nathan Fish McCandless, born December 28, 1803, died January 31, 1891, lived in his parents' home until he was about twenty-eight years of age. His father gave him a farm located about a quarter of a mile west of Unionville, on the road leading from Unionville to Prospect, and in later years known as the I. J. McCandless Farm. On this farm, Nathan established his home and reared his family, living there more than sixty years. Nathan was a Justice of the Peace for thirty years. For many years he was a ruling elder in the Muddy Creek Church and later in the Unionville Church until the time of his death. In 1876 it was said that Squire Nathan McCandless owned one of the most valuable small collections of books in Butler County, each book being a classic. On July 7, 1831, he married Elizabeth Thompson, a daughter of John and Martha (Humes) Thompson. See page 94. Elizabeth was born November 26, 1807, and died in 1855, the mother of nine children. Nathan married (2nd) in 1858 Delilah Hockenberry (nee, Mitchell). Delilah died December 4, 1875, aged 55 years, the mother of three children. There were twelve children in Nathan's family. Those by his first marriage were:

A. Humes Alexander McCandless, born June 14, 1832, died October 22, 1909. He was the first born of his generation. He married (1st) October 21, 1857, Matilda McCandless, daughter of John S. and Martha (Thompson) McCandless. See page 27. Matilda died in 1859, aged about twenty-three years. Humes married (2nd) Martha Thompson, daughter of James Thompson, who



was a brother of Aaron Thompson. Martha died June 24, 1924, being the mother of the following eight children:

a. Josiah N. McCandless married Amanda McKee.

(a) Carl McCandless married Lydia Brittain.

(b) Florence McCandless married Wilbur McCullough.

(c) Ernest McCandless married Margaret Jones. Died 1928.

1. Ernest McCandless, Jr.

(d) Caroline McCandless married Charles Edmunds.

1. Bobby Edmunds.

(e) Russell McCandless.

b. Bert McCandless married Permilla Stephenson.

(a) Frances McCandless married Earl Raisley. Frances died August 28, 1923.

1. Lawrence Berton Raisley, died—.

2. Evelyn Raisley.

3. Kenneth Raisley.

(b) Lillian McCandless married Claire McCandless, son of Curt McCandless. See page 85.

1. Ada Lucile McCandless, died—.

2. Melvin McCandless.

3. Emily Jean McCandless.

(c) Elva McCandless married Charles Rider.

1. Dewane Rider.

2. Eleanor Rider.



- (d) Jeanne McCandless married Basil Sones.
- (e) Clair McCandless married .....
  - 1. Clair McCandless, Jr.
- (f) Pauline McCandless.
- c. Gertrude McCandless married (1st) Elmer Cranmer; married (2nd) a Mr. Denhart. Two children to first marriage:
  - (a) Bertha Cranmer married Edward Ott.
    - 1. Edward Ott, Jr.
  - (b) Harry Cranmer married (1st) Freda McElroy who died—. Harry married (2nd) Bessie Davison. One child by first marriage:
    - 1. Eugene Cranmer.
- d. Della McCandless married Everette Cranmer. Della died January 14, 1926.
  - (a) John Cranmer married Lena Patterson.
    - 1. Jane Cranmer.
    - 2. Charles Cranmer.
    - 3. Mary Elizabeth Cranmer.
    - 4. Agnes Cranmer.
    - 5. John Berton Cranmer.
  - (b) Mae Cranmer, died December 12, 1915.
  - (c) Nellie Cranmer married Walter McDowell.
    - 1. Dorothy McDowell.
  - (d) Orrie Cranmer married Mabel Goldstrom.
    - 1. Robert Cranmer.
    - 2. Betty Jane Cranmer.





- (e) Vera Cranmer married Farrant Anderson.
  - 1. Betty Vera Anderson.
- (f) Thelma Cranmer.
- (g) Florence Cranmer.
- e. Martha McCandless.
- f. James T. McCandless married Lida Albert, daughter of Lewis Albert. James has served as prothonotary of Butler County.
  - (a) Albert McCandless married Floy McCandless, daughter of John W. McCandless. See page 90.
  - (b) Esther McCandless married Walter Johnston.
    - 1. Mary Winnifred Johnston.
  - (c) Ruth McCandless.
  - (d) Gertrude McCandless, died May 7, 1925.
  - (e) Paul McCandless.
  - (f) Dorothy McCandless.
  - (g) Lucille McCandless.
  - (h) Betty Jane McCandless.
- g. Newton McCandless married Stella Albert. He died April, 1914.
  - (a) Alberta McCandless married Paul Thomas.
    - 1. Marilyn Thomas.
    - 2. .... Thomas.
    - 3. .... Thomas.
  - (b) Wayne McCandless.
  - (c) Charles McCandless, deceased.
  - (d) John McCandless.
- h. William J. McCandless married Margaret Kummer.



- (a) Florence McCandless, died February 6, 1916.
  - (b) Clarence McCandless, married .....
  - (c) Ellsworth McCandless.
  - (d) Howard McCandless.
  - (e) Wilbur McCandless.
  - (f) Virginia McCandless.
  - (g) Pearl McCandless.
  - (h) Lawrence Edward McCandless.
- B. Nancy J. McCandless, born December 24, 1833, married William Wilson, both died. No children.
- C. Martha Ann McCandless, born October 7, 1835, died January 3, 1927. She married Solomon Thompson, who was born 1831, died 1912, son of William H. and Jane (McCandless) Thompson. See page 93. Martha lived to be 91 years of age.
- a. Nathan Thompson married Emmerett, daughter of Steve Thompson. He died January 27, 1916. No children.
  - b. Edna Thompson, died May 2, 1908. Unmarried.
  - c. Dr. Chester Thompson married Birdena Stapleton, daughter of David and Martha (Thompson) Stapleton. Dr. Chester died January 9, 1915. See page 51.
    - (a) Mary Thompson married Carl Vogeley.
      - 1. Dorothy Vogeley.
    - d. Elizabeth Thompson married Wilbur Tebay. She died December, 1907.
      - (a) William Tebay.
      - (b) Raymond Tebay.
      - (c) James Tebay.



- e. Loretta Thompson married Joseph Gill. She died May 2, 1916.
  - f. William Thompson married Maud Spencer. He died in 1929.
    - (a) Jay Thompson married Gertrude Bruner.
    - (b) Lena Thompson married Charles Brown.
      - 1. Maude Brown.
    - (c) Laura Thompson.
    - (d) Chester Thompson.
    - (e) Loretta Thompson.
    - (f) Emma Thompson.
  - g. Charles Thompson married Mary C. Mackey.
    - (a) Robert Nathan Thompson.
    - (b) Mary Elizabeth Thompson.
- D. Lavina McCandless, born October 9, 1835, died June 18, 1861, married Loyal Hays, who died—. No children.
- E. Josiah L. McCandless, born November 20, 1839, died September 18, 1862.
- F. Jefferson McCandless, born December 26, 1841, died September 24, 1920; married Sabina Gruver, sister of Philip Gruver. Sabina died 1921.
- a. Mary Elizabeth McCandless, died aged about ten years.
  - b. Walter McCandless, died aged about nine years.
  - c. Jennie McCandless married Hays Hoover. Hays died—.
    - (a) Jean Hoover.
    - (b) William Hays Hoover.
    - (c) Clair Hoover.





- d. Loretta McCandless married Homer Rider.
  - (a) Sherman Rider.
  - (b) ..... Rider.
  - (c) ..... Rider.
- e. Breaden McCandless married ..... Wyant.
  - (a) Jane McCandless, died in young womanhood.
  - (b) Marion McCandless.
  - (c) Adelaide McCandless.
  - (d) Rosemary W. McCandless.
- f. Adda McCandless married Charles Rider.  
Charles died in 1917.
- g. Zetta McCandless married Charles Williams.
  - (a) Victor Williams.
  - (b) Ralph Williams.
- G. Isaiah John McCandless, born August 24, 1843, died July 25, 1920, married (1st) in 1869 Mary E. Kelly, daughter of Samuel Kelly. She died 1897. He married (2nd) in 1899 Etta Crowe, daughter of David and Ellen Crowe. To the first union were born three children of whom Rosamond and Lillian were twins.
  - a. Burdette McCandless married ..... Kennedy. He died—.
  - b. Rosamond McCandless married ..... McClosky.
    - (a) ..... McClosky.
    - (b) ..... McClosky.
    - (c) ..... McClosky.



- c. Lillian McCandless, married Clyde Wise. She died November 24, 1906, aged 24 years.

- (a) A daughter who died.

- H. Mary Elizabeth McCandless, born January 22, 1845, died January 25, 1883, married December 31, 1875, John Lee, who died—.

- a. Aidah Lee.

- b. Amabel Lee, married LeRoy Ralston, who died April, 1923.

- (a) Virginia Ralston, died in childhood.

- (b) Beatrice Ralston.

- I. Clarinda McCandless, born May 7, 1848, married Newton Thompson September 6, 1871. See page 94. Newton died October 24, 1907. No children.

Children by Nathan F. McCandless's second marriage:

- J. Nathan Fish McCandless, Jr., born December 11, 1859, died April 2, 1862.

- K. Annetta McCandless, born July 12, 1861, married James Ramsey, brother of William Ramsey.

- a. Blanche Ramsey married A. B. Coulter.

- b. Floyd Ramsey married Edna Renfrew.

- (a) Paul Ramsey.

- (b) Earla Jane Ramsey.

- c. Rev. Leroy Ramsey married Rose Platt.

- (a) Richard Ramsey.

- (b) Robert Ramsey.

- d. Earla Ramsey married George Stoughton.

- e. Kenneth Ramsey married May Thompson.



L. Nathan Winnette McCandless, born September 10, 1864, married Jane Campbell, daughter of Thomas Campbell.

- a. Birdena McCandless.
- b. Bessie McCandless.
- c. Clara McCandless married ..... Wreck.
- d. Grace McCandless.
- e. Erma McCandless.

III. -Jane Carothers McCandless, born January 15, 1806, died December 16, 1898, reared in her parents' home. On December 28, 1832, at the age of about twenty-seven years, she married John H. Thompson, a son of John and Martha (Humes) Thompson. See page 93. She and her brother, John F. McCandless, were married on the same day. The home of Jane and John H. Thompson was a section of his father's homestead in Brady Township, located on the Butler-Mercer Pike, about two miles north of Muddy Creek Church. Here they resided and reared their family. John H. Thompson was born on Chartiers Creek, Allegheny County, Pa., on December 1, 1798, and, when quite young, moved, with his parents to Brady Township, Butler County. John H. was accidentally drowned while fording Slippery Rock Creek, December 21, 1860, at the age of sixty-two. After his death, his wife, Jane C., lived the remainder of her life on the homestead with her son, Josiah M. Thompson. Jane survived her husband by thirty-eight years, living to the age of about ninety-three years.

A. Martha Ann Thompson married (1st) James Coulter, who died—. She married (2nd) David Stapleton, who died—. Three children to the first marriage:

- a. Charles Coulter.
- b. Emma Coulter married Rev. James Coulter.
- c. James W. Coulter, who is a judge in California. Four children to Martha Ann Thompson's second marriage:





- d. Birdena Stapleton married Dr. Chester Thompson, son of Solomon and Martha Thompson. See family under Dr. Chester Thompson, Page 46.
  - e. Oliver Stapleton.
  - f. Mary Stapleton.
  - g. Mabel Stapleton.
- B. Nancy Jane Thompson married S. Pingry. Mrs. Pingry is ninety-three years, the oldest in her generation.
- a. .... Pingry (a son).
- C. Jemima Thompson married Lewis Wigton. Lewis died—. The members of this family all reside in California and all are married but one. Mrs. Wigton is ninety-one years old.
- a. Emma Wigton.
  - b. Marie Wigton.
  - c. Laura Wigton.
  - d. Olive Wigton.
  - e. Louise Wigton.
  - f. Jean Wigton.
- D. Josiah M. Thompson married Clara Varnum, daughter of Enoch Varnum. Josiah died August 5, 1922. Clara died June 29, 1922.
- a. Elvira Jane (Jennie) Thompson married Arthur Ayers. She died June, 1899.
    - (a) Lee Ayres.
    - (b) Amy Ayres.
  - b. Florence Thompson married Elmer McJunkin, son of John M. McJunkin.
    - (a) John McJunkin.
    - (b) Clara McJunkin.
    - (c) Elizabeth McJunkin.



- c. John H. Thompson married (1st) Blanche Lawrence, who died—. He married (2nd) Leona ..... John H. died 1928. No descendants.
- d. Frank Thompson, died aged 35.
- e. Samuel W. Thompson married Nannette Glenn, daughter of Walker and Emma Glenn. See page 61.
  - (a) Glenn Thompson married Louise Campbell.
  - (b) John Lee Thompson.
- f. Marie Thompson married Dr. Oscar Klots.
  - (a) Margaret Klots.
- E. Mary Elizabeth Thompson married (1st) William Lytle who died—. She married (2nd) Rev. George M. Lodge. One child to the first marriage.
  - a. Mary Lytle.
- F. Keziah Humes McCandless married Addison Miller of Ohio. Addison died—.
  - a. Dr. Harold A. Miller married Katharine Kirk.
    - (a) William Miller.
    - (b) Harold A. Miller, Jr.
    - (c) Richard Miller.
  - b. John Miller, died in young manhood.
- G. Julia Elvira Thompson married Thomas H. Lyon. Julia died 1887. Thomas died 1915.
  - a. Gertrude Lyon married Dr. M. L. McCandless, son of William H. and Harriett (Glenn) McCandless. See family under Dr. M. L. McCandless, page 39.
  - b. Thompson H. Lyon married .....



IV. Nancy F. McCandless, born February 1, 1808, died July 26, 1892, was born and reared in her parents' home until young womanhood. She married John M. McCandless, son of James and Margaret (Moore) McCandless. See page 32. John M. was born in 1806 and died June 2, 1886. They resided on the pioneer farm where John M. was born and reared. He took an active interest in the affairs of his community, held most of the township offices, and was a Justice of the Peace for ten years. The married life of this couple was about sixty years. They were the parents of thirteen children, all of whom are deceased. Nine of these are here recorded, four died in early life.

A. Margaret Jane McCandless married Lemon Dean. Both deceased.

- a. John Dean.
- b. Mary Dean.
- c. Martha Dean.
- d. Ellen Dean.

B. Jemima McCandless married Elijah Stephenson. Both deceased. No children.

C. Elizabeth McCandless married (1st) John Nicel and (2nd) Horatio Tuttle. All of these have died.

D. Josiah McCandless, died in youth.

E. Abigail McCandless, died young.

F. Abner McCandless married Mary S. McCall. He died in 1905.

a. Charles V. McCandless married Elizabeth McCandless of Isle.

(a) Nellie Alma McCandless married J. Hass.

1. Charles Hass.

(b) Claire McCandless married Lawrence Smith.

(c) Mary Elizabeth McCandless married Walter Perritt.





(d) Florence McCandless married William Cappola.

(e) Charles Guy McCandless married .....

1. .... McCandless.

2. .... McCandless.

3. .... McCandless.

4. .... McCandless.

5. .... McCandless.

(f) Kenneth McCandless married .....

(g) Margaret McCandless married .....

1. ....

2. ....

3. ....

b. Curtis Edwin McCandless, died aged ten months.

c. Myra Alma McCandless married (1st) William Williams, who died—. She married (2nd) Joseph Earhart. She died June 26, 1913. Children to the second union:

(a) Mary Rebecca Earhart married Howard Turner of Butler.

(b) Fred Earhart, died aged 25.

(c) Helen Earhart married Leo Sconing of Butler.

1. Charles Leo Sconing.

2. Richard Sconing.

(d) Zoe Alberta Earhart married Lewis Findley.

1. Mary Alice Findley.



d. Lawrence McCandless married Susan Brell of Petersville, Pa. He died 1926.

(a) Charles Wayne McCandless married .....

1. .... McCandless.

2. .... McCandless.

(b) Lillian Ruth McCandless married .....

1. ....

2. ....

(c) Melvin McCandless.

(d) Raymond McCandless married Virgil McCandless. He died—.

(e) Mildred McCandless.

(f) Roland McCandless.

(g) Curtis McCandless.

(h) Esther McCandless, died—.

(i) Lawrence McCandless, Jr.

e. Lester McCandless married Bertha Parks of Renfrew.

(a) Mabel McCandless married Eugene Corbin.

1. Lester Corbin.

2. Eugene Corbin, Jr.

f. Roy McCandless, died aged about 19 years.

G. William McCandless married Mary T. Pollack, daughter of John R. Pollack.

a. Birdie Agnes McCandless married Samuel McKay.



- (a) Rella McKay married William Good
  - 1. William Alexander Good.
- (b) Orville Blair McKay.
- (c) Lois Grace McKay.
- (d) Virginia Elizabeth McKay.
- b. Iona Grace McCandless married William H. Baker of Isle.
  - (a) William Harris Baker.
  - (b) James McCandless Baker.
  - (c) John Baker, Jr.
- c. Maude Pollack McCandless married James A. McCaslin of Greece City, Pa. No descendants.
- d. William Dickson McCandless married Daisy Bell of Pittsburgh.
- e. Arthur McCandless, died aged  $3\frac{1}{2}$  years.
- f. John Leslie McCandless.
- g. Infant daughter died.
- h. Marcus Claude McCandless married (1st) Anna Mae Weaselle. He married (2nd) Alice Angove of Detroit, Mich. Children to second marriage:
  - (a) Marcus Claude McCandless, Jr.
  - (b) Betty Ann McCandless.
- i. Mary Ruth McCandless, died aged 16 months.
- H. Nancy Fish McCandless married Calvin Raub. She died 1919. He died 1915. No descendants.
- I. Mary Ellen McCandless married Leonard Shannon. She died 1917. He died 1910.
  - a. Burdette Shannon died—.
  - b. Anna Marie Shannon married George Mayne of Mercer, Pa.





- (a) Ellen Marie Mayne married .....  
Wigton.
  - 1. .... Wigton.
- (b) Dean Campbell Mayne.
- c. John Howard Shannon married Anna McNees.
  - (a) Mary Elizabeth Shannon.
  - (b) Lois Leona Shannon.
  - (c) Jean Shannon.
  - (d) Ruth Shannon.
- d. Frances Shannon.
- e. Lulu Jean Shannon married Paul Barkley of  
Prospect.
  - (a) Edwin Alfred Barkley.
  - (b) Catherine Elizabeth Barkley.
  - (c) Don Shannon Barkley.
  - (d) Dale Cody Barkley.
  - (e) Paul Hugh Barkley.
- V. Mary Ann McCandless, born May 18, 1810, died December 23,  
1865. Never married. Lived and died on her father's home-  
stead, "The Hermitage".
- VI. Robert W. McCandless, born November 22, 1812, died June 10,  
1877, remained in the parental home until the age of thirty-one  
years. On April 29, 1843, he married Matilda Hays, who was  
born July 19, 1824, and died March 19, 1908. She was a sister  
of Nancy Hays. See page 38. Robert's farm, given him by his  
father, joined Nathan's on the west and was the southern section  
of his father's farm. Here they established their home and  
reared their family of ten children. Robert W. lived on this  
farm until his death at the age of sixty-five. Matilda survived  
her husband thirty years, living to the age of about eighty-four  
years. This home is in later years known as the S. W. Glenn  
farm. Robert's and Matilda's descendants are as follows:



- A. Newton Walker McCandless married (1st) Hattie Ramsey, sister of James and William Ramsey. Hattie died February 10, 1887. Newton married (2nd) Cora Davis, who died August 26, 1913. Newton married (3d) Almeda Wilson. Children to his first marriage only.
- a. Wilbert McCandless married (1st) Lizzie Welsh, of Ottawa, Kansas. He married (2nd) Lura Williamson, of Libo, Kan. Children to his first marriage only:
    - (a) Layton McCandless.
    - (b) Ellen McCandless.
    - (c) Newton McCandless.
  - b. Grant McCandless married Flora Wilson of Rantoul, Kansas.
    - (a) Charles W. McCandless.
    - (b) Loyal G. McCandless, died—.
    - (c) Dr. Raymond O. McCandless.
    - (d) Hazel McCandless.
    - (e) Cora J. McCandless, died about 1923.
    - (f) Alice McCandless.
  - c. Lizzie McCandless married (1st) Dewitt Burnett, of Ottawa, Kansas. She married (2nd) William Welsh. Children to the first marriage:
    - (a) Hattie Burnett married Dewitt Diekman.
    - (b) Earl Burnett.
  - d. Hattie McCandless married Clayton Peck, of Ottawa, Kansas.
    - (a) Faye Peck married .....
    - (b) Helen Peck married .....
- B. Amanda McCandless, born 1846, died April 10, 1923, married December 28, 1865, to William Ramsey, a



brother of James L. and Hattie Ramsey. William was born in 1844 and died January 20, 1920. They were the parents of eleven children:

- a. Charles Ramsey married Byrd Knight, daughter of M. L. and Virginia Knight of Beaver Falls, Pa.

- (a) Virginia Knight Ramsey, died September 9, 1895, aged five months.

- (b) Richard Knight Ramsey, died September 27, 1900, aged 2 years.

- (c) Elizabeth Maxwell Ramsey.

- b. Dr. Harvey Ramsey married Carrie Guy, daughter of Cyrus E. and Melissa Andrews Guy, of Crafton, Pa.

- (a) William Guy Ramsey married Cecelia Ussher.

- 1. Marilyn Ramsey.

- (b) Harvey Edwin Ramsey.

- c. Loyal Ramsey married Grace Palmiter. Adopted two children.

- (a) William Ramsey, died aged 11 years.

- (b) Josephine Ramsey married E. Lind.

- d. Lynn Ramsey married Lulu Painter, of Euclid, Pa. Lulu died in 1928.

- (a) Elizabeth Ramsey married Theodore Caldwell.

- (b) Helen Ramsey married James T. Bradford, of Corliss, Pa.

- 1. James Thaddeus Bradford, Jr.

- (c) Robert Ramsey.

- (d) Charles Ramsey.





e. Mildred Ramsey, died aged 8 years.

f. Purl Ramsey married Marie Stuart.

(a) Paul Ramsey, died aged 6 years.

(b) Stuart Ramsey

(c) Stanley Ramsey } Twins.

(d) Mary Ramsey.

(e) Donald Ramsey.

Daisy Ramsey married Rev. Blake Love.

(a) Dorothy Love, died aged 7 years.

(b) Mary Isabel Love.

h. Margery Ramsey married Roy Say.

(a) Mildred Say.

(b) Margaret Say.

(c) Frances Say married J. R. Shawky.

1. J. R. Shawky, Jr.

(d) Edwin Say.

(e) Robert Say.

(f) Bruce Say.

i. Mary Olive Ramsey.

j. Elton Ramsey married Verda Ulch.

k. Elzie Ramsey married Ruth Wilson.

(a) Eugene Ramsey.

(b) Allen Ramsey.

(c) Loyal Ramsey.

C. Guilford Hays McCandless, died January 24, 1851, aged 3 years.



D. Emma McCandless married Walker Glenn, brother of James Stirling Glenn and Harriett Newell Glenn. They are the parents of ten children as follows:

- a. Eva Glenn married Joseph T. McCandless, son of Anderson and Mary (Carlton) McCandless. Ten children. See under Joseph T. McCandless, page 70.
- b. Ella May Glenn, died aged 5 years.
- c. William Glenn married Cora Hays, of Kansas.
  - (a) Eryvl Glenn.
  - (b) Bruce Glenn.
  - (c) Vauna Glenn, died aged 3 years.
  - (d) Fern Glenn.
- d. Flora Glenn, died in 1902 aged 28 years.
- e. Earl Glenn married Mayme Rankin.
  - (a) William Glenn.
  - (b) Helen Glenn.
- f. Nannette Glenn married Samuel W. Thompson, son of Josiah and Clara (Varnum) Thompson. Two children. See under Samuel W. Thompson, page 52.
- g. Lina Glenn married Jack Shaffer.
  - (a) Arthur Shaffer.
  - (b) Meredith Shaffer.
- h. Harriett Glenn.
- i. Roy Glenn married Stella Young.
  - (a) Keith Glenn.
  - (b) Kenneth Glenn.
  - (c) Evelyn Glenn.
  - (d) Valda Glenn.
- j. Esther Glenn.



E. Martin Luther McCandless married Nannie Lourimore Ramsey, sister of William and James L. Ramsey. Nannie died May 22, 1877. He married (2nd) Rachel Fry, of Kansas. One child to first marriage:

a. Lynn McCandless, married (1st) \_\_\_\_\_,  
2nd) \_\_\_\_\_. To first marriage:

(a) A daughter.

(b) A daughter.

(c) A daughter.

To Martin Luther McCandless's second marriage:

b. Anna McCandless married \_\_\_\_\_ Pittinger.  
She died—.

c. Harry McCandless married \_\_\_\_\_

d. Wayne McCandless married \_\_\_\_\_

F. Guilford L. McCandless, died October 29, 1859, aged 7 years.

G. Etta M. McCandless married Rev. Alvin Christy, son of Williamson Christy, of West Sunbury. Alvin died April 30, 1924.

a. Edwin Merel Christy married (1st) Nettie Buck, who died—. Three children to this union. He married (2nd) Jennie Johnson, who died—. He married (3d) Mabel Bowles, of Detroit, Mich. One child to third marriage.

(a) Harold Burton Christy married \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

1. Hugh Christy.

2. Marlyn Christy.

3. A daughter.

(b) Hugh Christy married Helen \_\_\_\_\_





(c) Mae Christy married Joseph Jackson.

1. Vernon Jackson.
2. Allen Jackson.
3. James Edwin Jackson.

To Edwin Merel Christy's third marriage:

(d) Frances Ruth Christy.

- b. Porter Hays Christy resided in Oklahoma.
- c. Olive May Christy, died aged 19 months.
- d. Grace Christy married Dr. G. W. Reese, of Illinois.

(a) Robert Christy Reese, died aged 11 years.

- e. Lester Wynn Christy married Stella Risser, of San Francisco.
- f. Lena Mae Christy married Williard DeLong, of Illinois.

(a) Mary Frances DeLong.

(b) Catharine DeLong.

(c) Caroline DeLong.

- g. Frances Williard Christy married Clyde Allen Murphy, of Illinois.

(a) Christy Allen Murphy.

- II. Marion G. McCandless, died June 18, 1858, at 15 months.
- I. Ithamar McCandless, died September 13, 1870, aged about 9 years.
- J. John Milton McCandless married Hattie Gruver, daughter of Philip Gruver, of Unionville, Pa. Reside in Vichy, Missouri.
  - a. Mabel McCandless died—.
  - b. Mary McCandless married .....
    - (a) Milton .....
  - c. Merle McCandless married .....
  - d. Lena McCandless.



VII. Dr. Josiah McCandless, born March 6, 1816, died January 5, 1875; was reared in the parental home. Not being of a robust constitution, he took a course in the Butler Academy and then clerked in Ohio for a time. Having a strong desire for the medical profession, he later went to Allegheny City where he pursued the study of medicine for three years under Dr. Whittaker. About 1840 he returned to his parental home and engaged in the practice of medicine for a number of years. He then built his residence at the cross roads in Unionville, Pa., from which place he practiced his profession the balance of his life. This home in Unionville is now the Presbyterian manse. Josiah McCandless was a pioneer physician in Center Township and throughout his long medical career he enjoyed a very large practice and was held in high esteem by the community at large. On June 18, 1854, he married Keziah J. McCandless, daughter of John S. and Martha (Humes) McCandless. See page 27. Keziah was born October 5, 1832, and died February 2, 1909. Their children are:

A. Everett Sullivan McCandless, born June 6, 1855, died May, 1871.

B. Dr. William C. McCandless, born October 6, 1857, married February 3, 1880, Mary Grubbs, daughter of John Grubbs, of Butler, Pa. She died March 18, 1886, the mother of three children. Dr. W. C. married (2nd) on July 31, 1888, Lulu M. Marks, who is the mother of three children. Dr. W. C. McCandless chose his father's profession after obtaining an education in the public schools, in Witherspoon Institute, Waynesburg, and the National Normal School, Lebanon, Ohio. He commenced reading medicine with Dr. Neyman, of Butler, after which, for four years, he attended lectures at the Jefferson Medical College and was graduated from that school in 1881. He then located at Glade Mills, Pa., where he practiced his profession for seventeen years before coming to Butler, where he now is one of the leading physicians. He is the father of six children. The children of his first marriage are:



- a. Josiah Merle McCandless married Price A. West.  
No children.
- b. Dr. Everett LeRoy McCandless married Ethel McGary.
  - (a) Mary Elizabeth McCandless.
  - (b) Margaret Ruth McCandless.
  - (c) William LeRoy McCandless.
  - (d) Catherine McCandless.
  - (e) Martha Jane McCandless.
- c. Erla Esse McCandless married Leonard W. DeGast.
  - (a) Dorothy Ruth DeGast, died in infancy.

Children to Dr. W. C. McCandless's second marriage:

- d. William Paul McCandless married Mary J. Barcalow.
  - e. Ruth L. McCandless married David Thompson.
  - f. L. Marks McCandless married Helen Elizabeth Goerman.
- C. Ada Martha McCandless, born October 24, 1859, died September 3, 1865.
  - D. Edwin Merle McCandless, born November 27, 1861, died March 18, 1863.
  - E. Josiah Lawrence McCandless, born March 29, 1864, married in 1885 Mary E. Kirkpatrick. Mary died December 18, 1923.
    - a. Ethel McCandless married William Hoon.
    - b. Lulu McCandless married Clyde Johnston.





- c. Cecil McCandless married Lodema Gifford.
    - (a) Mary Virginia McCandless.
    - (b) Esther Mae McCandless.
  - d. Gladys McCandless married William S. Mills.
  - e. Esther McCandless married Gerald C. Cottrell.
  - f. Dorothy McCandless.
- F. Laura K. McCandless, born January 12, 1866, died June 23, 1886, married September 16, 1885, Robert Kirkpatrick. Robert born May 31, 1862, and died June 13, 1922.
- a. Ralph E. Kirkpatrick.
- G. Infant daughter, died May, 1868.
- H. Elmer Addison McCandless, born June 13, 1869, died June 10, 1871.
- I. John Quincy McCandless, born September 13, 1870, died May 23, 1871.
- J. Edith J. McCandless, born December 9, 1872, died January 21, 1903; married October 29, 1896, L. L. Thompson, son of Robert and Margaret Thompson. See page 33.
- a. Mildred Thompson married Frank Holland.
  - b. Laura Thompson married Charles Miller.
- VIII. Anderson McCandless, born May 26, 1818, died November 26, 1884. He remained in the parental home until the age of twenty-eight years. On June 28, 1846, he married Mary Carlon in Lawrence County. Mary was born May 17, 1828, and died September 28, 1895. Anderson's farm, a gift from his father, joined the west of Robert's farm and was a part of the southern section of his father's farm. Here they established their home and reared their family of nine children. Anderson lived on this farm thirty-eight years until his death at the age of sixty-six. Mary survived her husband almost eleven years. The farm descended to his son, Joseph T. McCandless (dec'd), where his wife,



Mrs. Joseph T., a daughter, Rella, and two sons, Stanley and Blair, still reside.

A. Porter A. McCandless, born May 28, 1847, died December 20, 1918, married Laura C. Eckert, who was born February 2, 1858, and died September 24, 1928, daughter of J. N. and Frances (Morrison) Eckert. They were the parents of eleven children:

- a. Mary Fannie McCandless, died aged 14 years.
- b. Hannah Eldora McCandless married Adolph Carlon, of California.

(a) Maurice Carlon married Amelia Smith, of Stockton, Cal.

1. Dorothy Laverne Carlon.

- c. Estella Jane McCandless married Curtis L. Robb, son of Elliott Robb, of Prospect.

(a) Dean LeRoy Robb.

(b) Helen Catharine Robb.

(c) Lois Margaret Robb.

(d) Arthur Elliott Robb.

(e) Bernice Jane Robb, born March 3, 1921, died February 23, 1923.

- d. Laura Kathleen McCandless married Simon Milheim.

(a) Alberta May Milheim married John S. Stoops.

1. John S. Stoops, Jr.

2. Carl Edward Stoops.

3. Dale Richard Stoops.

4. Robert William Stoops.

5. James Keith Stoops.



- (b) Lucille Catharine Milheim married Hugh W. Gillon.
  - 1. Hugh Wilbert Gillon, Jr.
- (c) Richard McCandless Milheim.
- (d) Johanna Milheim.
- (e) Elizabeth Olive Milheim.
- (f) Robert Porter Milheim.
- (g) Donald William Milheim.
- e. Anderson Lemoyne McCandless married Margaret Hunter.
  - (a) Wayne Hunter McCandless.
  - (b) Bruce Anderson McCandless.
- f. John Delmar McCandless married Ethel Findley, of Butler.
  - (a) Muriel Findley McCandless.
  - (b) Laura Edith McCandless.
- g. Helen McCandless married Carl Diehl.
  - (a) Philip Albert Diehl.
  - (b) Carl William Diehl.
  - (c) Sara Helen Diehl.
  - (d) Ruth Margaret Diehl.
  - (e) Dorothy Irene Diehl.
  - (f) Martha Louisa Diehl.
- h. Margaret McCandless married Arthur M. Stoops.
  - (a) Robert Merrill Stoops.
  - (b) John Arthur Stoops.
  - (c) Marlyn Ruth Stoops.





- i. Genevieve McCandless married George Kapp.  
She died August 22, 1922.
    - (a) Genevieve Helen Kapp.
  - j. Wayne McCandless married Gertrude Guttormsen.
    - (a) John Anderson McCandless.
  - k. Melvin McCandless.
- B. Hannah Jane McCandless, born February 23, 1849, died May 1, 1850.
- C. Hannah Jane McCandless (the 2nd), born February 5, 1851, married John M. Cratty, son of Thomas and Sara Cratty.
- a. William Cratty.
  - b. Walter L. Cratty married Minnie Argo.
    - (a) Guy Cratty.
  - c. Mary Cratty married Bert Weigle, son of Daniel Weigle.
    - (a) Luella Weigle married Floyd Kennedy, son of Bryson Kennedy.
    - (b) Florence Weigle.
    - (c) Ethel Weigle.
  - d. Thomas O. Cratty married (1st) Blanche Kelly. He married (2nd) Clara Dodds, daughter of David Dodds. Children by the first marriage:
    - (a) Clarke Cratty married Twila Hilliard.
      - 1. Dorothy Cratty.
      - 2. Betty Cratty.
    - (b) Veva Cratty.
- Children by Thomas O. Cratty's second marriage:



- (c) Mary Jane Cratty.
- (d) Martha Maye Cratty.
- (e) Thomas D. Cratty.
- (f) Ruth Catharine Cratty.
- D. William C. McCandless, died February 13, 1853, aged 2½ months.
- E. Carlon W. McCandless, born April 29, 1854, died September 3, 1873.
- F. Kinsey Coulter McCandless, born August 20, 1856, died April 7, 1868.
- G. Infant daughter, died August 24, 1858, aged 2½ months.
- H. Joseph T. McCandless, born August 17, 1854, died January 26, 1916, married Eva Glenn, daughter of Walker and Emma Glenn. See page 61. They were the parents of eleven children, as follows:
  - a. Hazel McCandless married Wahl Marburger, of Evans City.
    - (a) Lucile Marburger.
    - (b) Victor Marburger.
    - (c) Hazel Elvina Marburger
    - (d) Helen Elvira Marburger
    - (e) Grace Evelyn Marburger.
    - (f) Eleanor Gertrude Marburger.
    - (g) Infant died.
  - b. Rella McCandless.
  - c. Georgia McCandless married A. Marburger, brother of Wahl Marburger.
    - (a) Edna Dorothy Marburger.
    - (b) Adam Martin Marburger.



- (c) Rella Jean Marburger.
  - (d) Dorothy Catherine Marburger.
  - (e) Stanley Vernon Marburger.
  - d. Mary McCandless married Paul Stephenson, son of William and Annie (Miller) Stephenson.
    - (a) Edyce Mae Stephenson.
    - (b) Earl William Stephenson.
    - (c) Yvonne Lois Stephenson.
  - e. Porter McCandless, died May 31, 1918, aged 21 years.
  - f. Infant son died.
  - g. Emma McCandless married Garth Cratty.
    - (a) Glenn Cratty.
  - h. Stanley McCandless.
  - i. Lois McCandless married Rev. H. H. VanCleve.
    - (a) Dorothy Mae VanCleve.
  - j. Blair McCandless married Mabel Dawson.
    - (a) Margaret Jean McCandless.
  - k. Margaret McCandless, died July 3, 1916, aged 3 years.
  - l. Mary Elizabeth (Mollie) McCandless married L. B. Heile. They reside in Steelton, Pa.
- IX. Jemima McCandless, born January 16, 1820, died February 27, 1893, married (1st) John S. McCandless, son of John and Mary Smith McCandless. See page 26. They resided on a section of the John McCandless farm near Queen Junction, Pa. There were three children by this marriage. John S. died March 18, 1859. Jemima married (2nd) George Rodgers. They resided near Plain Grove, Lawrence County, until the time of George's death, about the year 1887. After her husband's death, Jemima





resided with her son, William Porter McCandless, at his home in Pittsburgh, until the time of her demise, February 27, 1893. Three children by her first marriage were:

- A. William Porter McCandless married Catherine Cornwell. He died January 5, 1907. Catherine died February 1, 1925. They are buried in Mt. Royal Cemetery near Pittsburgh. They adopted one daughter:
    - a. Edna Mary McCandless married M. J. McAtee.
      - (a) William Stanley McAtee.
  - B. Imelda Jane McCandless married William Walker. She died March 8, 1886, aged 33 years.
    - a. Charles Walker (adopted).
  - C. Curtis McCandless, born January 23, 1850, died April 26, 1870. Unmarried. He is buried in Unionville Cemetery beside his mother.
- X. Porter McCandless, born January 22, 1823, died November 13, 1884. He lived and died on his father's homestead, "The Hermitage", unmarried.
- XI. William Coulter McCandless, born November 7, 1825, died December 23, 1901. At the death of his father he inherited the parental homestead where he lived his entire lifetime. See page 35. On February 2, 1865, he married Margaret Amelia Bingham, daughter of William and Mary (Bard) Bingham. Margaret Amelia was born June 11, 1841, and died February 21, 1905. They were the parents of nine children. The descendants of William C. and Amelia are:
- A. Mary Amelia McCandless, married (1st) John M. Russell, son of Robert M. and Keziah Russell. See Page 29. John died July 18, 1890. She married (2nd) Dr. John M. Leighner, who died January 11, 1919. Mary A. Leighner died May 29, 1929, and is buried in the Unionville Cemetery. Two children to the first union:
    - a. William Coulter Russell married Claire Noble, daughter of Clarence and Caroline Noble.



- (a) Clarence Russell.
- (b) John Russell.
- (c) Robert Russell.
- (d) Charles Russell.
- (e) Caroline Russell.
- (f) Alfred Curtis Russell.
- (g) James Lee Russell.
- b. Charles Russell, died April, 1890, aged 5 months.
- B. William Bingham McCandless married Mary Elizabeth Campbell, daughter of John S. and Amelia Campbell.
  - a. Kenneth Coulter McCandless married Lyndal Whitehead, daughter of Bower T. and Harriet Whitehead, of Brookings, S. Dakota.
    - (a) Shirley Ann McCandless.
    - (b) Robert Kendall McCandless.
  - b. Lee Campbell McCandless married Zella White, daughter of Thomas and Barbara Elizabeth White, of Reynoldsville.
- C. Warren McCandless, died September 19, 1879, aged 7 years.
- D. Origen Griswold McCandless married Mary Alice Sablin, daughter of John Conrad and Sarah Jane (Kennedy) Sablin. Origen died April 14, 1916.
  - a. John Sablin McCandless, born November 20, 1907, died January 27, 1908.
  - b. Orville Griswold McCandless.
  - c. Martha Elizabeth McCandless.
- E. Olive Jane McCandless married Charles A. Morgan, son of William and Elvira (Harding) Morgan.



- a. Arthur Anthony Morgan married Ethel Schneider, daughter of J. W. and Ida (Greig) Schneider.
    - (a) Arthur Anthony Morgan, Jr.
  - b. Margaret Amelia Morgan.
  - c. Mary Louise Morgan.
  - d. William Charles Morgan.
  - e. Florence Jane Morgan.
- F. Son, died 1877, aged 5 months.
- G. Florence Jane McCandless married Joseph A. Ferree, son of Franklin Pierce and Catherine Ann (Salada) Ferree.
- a. Joseph Allen Ferree, Jr.
  - b. Catherine Amelia Ferree.
  - c. Origen McCandless Ferree.
- H. Jennings Coulter McCandless married Goldie Walters, daughter of John Alexander and Catherine (Ziegler) Walters.
- a. Jennings Coulter McCandless, Jr.
  - b. Ralph Walters McCandless.
  - c. Helen Alberta McCandless, died February 21, 1923, aged 7 months.
  - d. John Oliver McCandless.
- I. John Bard McCandless married Sarah Catharine Shuey, daughter of Edwin L. and Effie (Mitchell) Shuey, of Dayton, Ohio. J Bard is the youngest of his generation of the lineage of William and Nancy Fish McCandless.
- a. Jane Bardarah McCandless.





## Jane McCandless

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Jame McCandless, eldest daughter of John and Jane (Carothers) McCandless, married Robert M. McCandless in Ireland. See page 82. In 1796, they were pioneer settlers in Center Township on a tract of land, part of which was later known as the Robert M. Russell Farm, one mile north of Unionville on the Butler-Mercer Pike. Their children were:

- I. John (Jack) McCandless married Margaret McCandless, daughter of William (Tailor Billy) McCandless. See page 86. They resided on a farm on the Franklin Road, later known as the Wigton Farm. This couple died within one week of each other in 1844 and are buried in the upper cemetery at Muddy Creek Church. Their children were:
  - A. Margaret McCandless married David McBride.
  - B. Robert McCandless.
  - C. George McCandless married Polly McCandless, daughter of Judge John McCandless. See page 29.
  - D. John T. McCandless married Eliza Jane Bryan.
    - a. Nehemiah McCandless married Mary McCandless, daughter of George C. McCandless. See page 92.
    - b. Jeremiah Bryan McCandless married Susanna McCandless, daughter of Judge John and Jemima (Sullivan) McCandless. See page 29.
      - (a) Samuel Austin McCandless married Eva Guard of Parker's Landing, West Virginia.
      - (b) Ida May McCandless married Charles Whittaker Mayhall.
        - I. Mildred Mayhall married (1st) Frederick Kent Loomis, married (2nd) Charles Brooks Smith. One child by first marriage:



- (1) Frederick Kent Loomis, Jr.,  
married Katherine Wide-  
man.
2. Charles Clifton Mayhall married  
Nina Curry.
  - (1) Mildred Mayhall.
  - (2) Ida May Mayhall.
3. Carlotta B. Mayhall married U.  
Ross Hoffman, Clarksburg, West  
Virginia.
4. Winifred Lee Mayhall married H.  
Maxwell Lakeman.
  - (1) James Howard Lakeman.
  - (2) William Lakeman.
  - (3) Mary Louise Lakeman.
5. Anna Mayhall married C. F. Stew-  
art.
  - (c) John McCandless.
  - (d) Livingstone E. McCandless.
  - (e) Fanny McCandless married ..... Wilson.
  - (f) Margaret married ..... Smith.
  - (g) Nancy McCandless married .....  
Stillwagon.
- E. William O. (Billy O ) McCandless died unmarried, is  
buried in the upper graveyard above the present Muddy  
Creek Cemetery.
- F. Polly McCandless married John McBride.
  - a. Margaret McBride married Boswell Long.
  - b. Julia McBride died 1901, married Robert Mc-  
Bride, who died 1898.



(a) Rev. John D. McBride married Anna McGrew. She died 1927.

1. Robert McBride.
2. William McBride.
3. John McBride.

(b) Everette McBride married Ella Dodds.

1. Robert McBride married Gladys McCandless.
2. Merle McBride married .....
3. Frances McBride, died 1923, at 18 years of age.
4. Lela McBride.
5. Florence McBride.
6. Carl McBride.
7. Evelyn McBride.

(c) D. Edison McBride, died 1906, aged 27 years.

(d) Mary McBride married Frank Varnum.

1. Francis Varnum married Florence Staup in 1929.
2. Paul Varnum.
3. Mildred Varnum.
4. Robert Varnum.

(e) Wilford McBride married Florence Shelton. He died 1918.

1. Ida McBride.

(f) Mildred McBride married Clark Drake.

1. Clark Drake, Jr.
2. Roberta Julia Drake.
3. Don Drake.





(g) Williard Meade McBride married Bertha Rieger.

1. Mildred McBride.
2. Williard McBride.
3. Malcolm McBride.
4. Howard McBride.

(h) James McBride married Ada Wells.

1. Norcen McBride.
2. Keith McBride.
3. Alice Josephine McBride.

c. Jack McBride married Mary Black.

(a) Minnie McBride married William D. Lutz.

1. Gladys Lutz.
2. Hazel Lutz.
3. Maxine Lutz.

(b) John McBride married Clara Martsof.

1. Edna McBride.
2. Clarence McBride.
3. Melvin McBride.

(c) Samuel McBride.

(d) Elizabeth McBride married James Martsof.

1. John Martsof married Agnes McClymonds.
2. Helen M. Martsof.
3. Ruth Martsof.
4. Alberta Martsof.
5. Dorothy Martsof.



(e) Dewit McBride married Stella Rieger.

1. Nellie McBride.
2. Helen McBride.
3. Emma McBride.
4. Floyd McBride.
5. Florence McBride.
6. Maxine McBride.
7. LeRoy McBride.

(f) Harold McBride married Sara Armbruster.

1. Mary Ellen McBride.

(g) Robert McBride.

(h) Edith McBride married Edward Lutz.

1. Mary Grace Lutz.
2. Wade Lutz.
3. Janet Lutz.
4. Eugene Lutz.
5. Vera Lutz.

(i) Hadassah McBride married Paul Gould.

1. Grant Gould.
2. Mary Gould.
3. Gerald Gould.

d. Mary Ann McBride married James Mehan.

e. Keziah McBride, died 1929.

f. Nancy McBride married James Elliott. She died 1923.

g. Delilah McBride married Leander Sankey.



- G. Julia McCandless married William Snyder.
- II. Robert McCandless married Jane Cranmer. He inherited two hundred acres of his father's farm.
  - A. John Cranmer McCandless.
  - B. Israel McCandless.
  - C. Caldwell McCandless married Nancy McCandless, daughter of "Swamp Robert" McCandless. See page 89.
  - D. Elizabeth McCandless.
  - E. Mary McCandless.
- III. William (Billy) McCandless married Betsy Stewart. No descendants.
- IV. Margaret (Peggy) McCandless married William Thompson. Resided in Tennessee.
  - A. Robert Thompson married Margaret (Peggy Ann) McCandless, daughter of Aaron Moore McCandless. See page 33.
- V. Elizabeth (Betsy) McCandless married William Russell. They resided in Venango County until their son Robert was nine years old.
  - A. Robert M. Russell married Keziah McCandless, daughter of Judge John McCandless. See page 29. He inherited his farm from his grandfather, Robert M. McCandless.
    - a. John M. Russell married Mary A. McCandless. See page 72.
  - B. Martha Russell married George Baker, Euclid, Pa.
  - C. Abigail Russell married Anthony Thompson. See page 81





## Elizabeth McCandless

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Elizabeth McCandless, second daughter of John and Jane (Carothers) McCandless, married Anthony Thompson, one of the three Thompson brothers who were among the sixty pioneer men who settled in Center and Franklin Townships in 1796. Anthony and Elizabeth (McCandless) Thompson settled on the tract of land part of which was later known as the J. G. Renick farm in Center Township. They had one child:

I. A daughter who married Moses Thompson.

A. Anthony Thompson married Abigail Russell. See page 80.

a. Gill Thompson.

b. Bert Thompson.

c. Elizabeth Thompson.

d. Margaret Thompson.

B. James Thompson married ..... Hutchinson.

a. Harry Thompson married Hattie Eagal. See family under Hattie Eagal in the George McCandless line. Page 30.



## The First Group of Three Brothers

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### ROBERT M., DAVID, AND WILLIAM McCANDLESS

Three brothers—Robert M., David, and William McCandless, came with their cousins, the John and Jane (Carothers) McCandless family, from Ireland to the United States about 1794. They were among the sixty pioneer men who established homes in Center and Franklin Townships in 1796.

#### ROBERT M. McCANDLESS

Robert M. McCandless, the eldest of this "first group of three brothers", married Jane McCandless before leaving Ireland. See page 75. He was the pioneer settler on a tract of land located about one mile north of Unionville on the Butler-Mercer Pike. A part of this tract he bequeathed to his grandson, Robert M. Russell, who resided on this farm from early manhood and during the remainder of his life. It later became the home of Robert M. Russell's son, John M. Russell, who, with his mother, lived there her lifetime. It later descended to John M.'s son, W. Coulter Russell, who, with his family, lived there a number of years. Later it was the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Ferree. Robert M. and Jane McCandless had five children: John (Jack), Robert, William, Margaret, and Elizabeth. See further on page 75.

#### DAVID McCANDLESS

David McCandless, the second of the "first group of three brothers", and a brother of Robert M. and William McCandless, resided on the tract of land later known as the Henry Albert Farm in Franklin Township. He married ..... The children were:

- I. Mark McCandless married Mary Russell, daughter of James Russell, of Cherry Township.
  - A. Elvira McCandless.



- B. James R. McCandless.
  - C. Martha J. McCandless.
  - D. Eliza Ann McCandless.
  - E. Alexander Kerr McCandless.
    - a. Minnie McCandless.
    - b. Loretta McCandless married Camden Monroe.
      - (a) Bernice Monroe.
      - (b) Margaret Monroe.
      - (c) L. Mac Monroe.
  - F. Minerva McCandless.
  - G. Mary McCandless.
  - H. Samuel McCandless, served in the Civil War and was for several months a prisoner in Andersonville Prison.
- II. Robert McCandless.
- III. William McCandless.
- IV. James McCandless.
- V. A daughter.
- VI. A daughter.

## WILLIAM McCANDLESS

### "Tailor Billy"

William McCandless (Tailor Billy), the third son of the "first group of three brothers", and a brother of Robert M. and David McCandless, married ..... He was a tailor by trade, hence his nickname. He resided on his farm, located in Franklin Township, on the road from Hickory Corner to Isle, about one-half mile from the Hickory Corner School House. On this farm "Tailor Billy" built a stone house which has since been remodelled and is still occupied. He and his wife were buried in a private lot on his own farm as also





were his son James and James's wife. There were, in all, about forty graves in this lot. Tailor Billy had five children: Moses, James, Elizabeth, Polly, and Margaret. Some of his descendants are:

- I. Moses McCandless married (1st) ..... Hockenberry, married (2nd) ..... His children by his first marriage are:

- A. William H. McCandless married Mary A. Turk, sister of Robert Turk and of Mrs. Allen McCall. Both are deceased and buried in the Muddy Creek Cemetery.

Their children are:

- a. Moses Thompson McCandless married Jane Forrester.
- b. Emmazilla McCandless married Naaman Barkley.
- c. Violetta McCandless married John Stamm.
- d. Zilla Margaret McCandless married Seth Snyder.
- e. Sara Ettā McCandless married Joshua McCandless, a brother of John A. McCandless, Jr. See her family under Joshua McCandless, Jr. page 90

- B. Hannah McCandless married George C. McCandless. See family under George C. McCandless, page 92.

- C. Jane (Jennie) McCandless married James McCandless, a brother of George C. McCandless. See family under James McCandless, page 90.

- D. Mary McCandless married Charles Mackey.
  - a. Charlie Mackey.

- II. James (Jimmy) McCandless married .....

- A. Joe McCandless, married Effie Jane Snyder.

- a. Mary Elizabeth McCandless married Joe McElhaney.

(a) Flora May McElhaney.

(b) Carlton Budd McElhaney.



- (c) Curtis Earl McElhaney.
- (d) Joseph Albion McElhaney.
- b. Abigail McCandless, deceased, married Thomas Pomroy.
  - (a) Thomas D. Pomroy.
  - (b) Dona McCandless Pomroy.
- c. Conrad McCandless married Laura Conn.
  - (a) Cecil Budd McCandless.
  - (b) Conrad Mosella McCandless.
  - (c) Wesley E. McCandless.
  - (d) Effie Jane McCandless.
  - (e) Robert Floyd McCandless.
- d. Effie Jane McCandless, married Frank Cotton.
- e. Joe McCandless, Jr., married Sadie Lyda.
  - (a) Byron J. McCandless.
  - (b) Chauncey McCandless.
  - (c) Miles McCandless.
  - (d) Alice Elizabeth McCandless.
  - (e) Carlton McCandless.
  - (f) Joseph McCandless III.
- f. Curtis McCandless, deceased, married Emeline Carnahan.
  - (a) Cecil Claire McCandless married Lillian McCandless. See page 43.
- g. Lewis McCandless, deceased, married Ermina McKinney.
  - (a) Ethel Loy McCandless.
  - (b) Newton Leroy McCandless.



- (c) Samuel Hudson McCandless.
- (d) Harry Lamon McCandless.
- (e) Ronald Ray McCandless married Lucille Butler, daughter of C. C. Butler.
- (f) Marie McCandless.

B. Anthony McCandless.

III. Elizabeth McCandless married Joseph Hockenberry.

A. Maude Hockenberry married Abe Weigle.

IV. Polly McCandless married (Swamp) Robert S. McCandless.  
See page 87.

V. Margaret McCandless married John (Jack) McCandless, son of Robert M. and Jane McCandless. See family under John (Jack) McCandless, page 75.





## The Second Group of Three Brothers

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### ROBERT S., JAMES, AND GEORGE C. McCANDLESS

About 1819, a second group of three brothers came from Ireland. They were Robert S., James, and George C. McCandless, cousins of the two families of McCandlesses already mentioned.

#### ROBERT S. McCANDLESS

Robert S. McCandless (Swamp Robert) resided on what was later known as the Fred Hilliard Farm. He married Polly McCandless, a daughter of "Tailor Billy" McCandless. See page 86. Robert S. and Polly are buried in the Lutheran Cemetery, Prospect, Pa. Their children were:

- I. Mary McCandless married James Dixon.
  - A. Winfield Dixon married Annie Balph.
    - a. Clarence G. Dixon (Pharmacist) married Gussie Ketterer.
      - (a) Scott Dixon.
      - (b) James Dixon.
    - b. Russell W. Dixon married Guernell McAnallen. (A Vice-President of Butler Co. Nat Bank, 1929)
    - c. Dr. C. W. Dixon.
    - d. Homer Dixon.
    - e. Frank C. Dixon married Frances Porter.
      - (a) Jean Dixon.
    - f. Paul E. Dixon married Mary McPherson.
      - (a) Kathleen Dixon.
      - (b) Thomas Dixon.
      - (c) Ruth Marie Dixon.



g. Pressly D. Dixon married Anna Patterson.

(a) Dean Dixon, died April, 1929, aged 9 years

(b) Richard Dixon.

B. George Dixon, deceased.

C. Lucinda Dixon, deceased.

II. William T. McCandless served in the Civil War. He married Margaret Pierce. Their children are:

A. Alonzo McCandless, married 1873, Marion Allen. Their children are:

a. Nellie McCandless, married Henry B. Kaercher.

(a) McCandless Allen Kaercher.

(b) Henrietta Kaercher.

(c) Harvey Brown Kaercher.

b. Rev. William T. McCandless, married Anna Martha Borland, of Washington, Pa.

(a) Matthew McCandless, died aged 4 years.

(b) Helen McCandless.

(c) Paul McCandless.

(d) Virginia McCandless.

(e) Kenneth McCandless.

c. Harvey A. McCandless, D.D.S., married (1st) Elizabeth Graham, of Butler, Pa. She died—. He married (2nd) Angeline Moore. The children to the second marriage are:

(a) Rhea Jean McCandless.

(b) Harvey A. McCandless, Jr.

d. Arthur McCandless, D.C., married (1st) Agnes Gallaher. She died April 16, 1922. He married



(2nd) Margaret Mezner, of Oil City. Child to the first marriage:

(a) Harvey Dean McCandless.

e. Dwight Lambie McCandless, M.D., married Florence Shaffer. He was a first lieutenant in the Medical Corps in the World War.

(a) Betty Brooks McCandless.

(b) Dwight L. McCandless, Jr.

f. Marion McCandless married Paul Shanor.

(a) Leland Shanor.

(b) Dorothy Mae Shanor.

(c) Donald Shanor.

(d) Clarence Shanor.

(e) Richard Shanor.

B. Agnes McCandless, married William Curry.

a. Dr. William Curry, deceased.

III. Jane McCandless, married Simon Black.

IV. Nancy McCandless, married Caldwell McCandless, grandson of Robert M. McCandless. See page 80.

V. Nelson McCandless married Sarah Dunlap. He died while serving in the Civil War.

VI. Eliza McCandless, married David Harbison. Had a family.

VII. Margaret (Peggy) McCandless, married Fred Hilliard. Had a family.

VIII. Lavina McCandless, married John Cress. Had a family.

## JAMES McCANDLESS

James McCandless (Jimmy or Swamp James), the second of the "second group of three brothers", and a brother of Robert S. and George C. McCandless, resided on a tract of land later known as that of Joshua





McCandless, Sr. He married Jennie McCandless, a daughter of Moses McCandless. See page 84. They probably are buried in the private cemetery lot on the George C. McCandless Farm. The children were:

I. John A. McCandless, Sr., married Hanna Stoughton. Eight children:

A. Alfred McCandless, married ....., died—. Had a family.

B. Zilla Ann McCandless, married James Kildoo.

C. Joshua McCandless, married Etta McCandless, daughter of William H. McCandless. See page 84.

a. Verda McCandless, married Dr. Ernest Snyder.

(a) Margery Snyder.

(b) Ernest Snyder, Jr.

b. John W. McCandless, married Cora Lawrence.

(a) Floyd McCandless, married Albert McCandless, son of James T. McCandless. See page 45.

1. Mary Alice McCandless.

2. Helen McCandless.

3. Gladys McCandless.

(b) Gerald McCandless.

(c) Bertha McCandless, married Blair Moore.

1. Loyal Dean Moore.

(d) Zilla McCandless.

(e) Hazel McCandless.

(f) Janet McCandless.

(g) Florence McCandless.

(h) Eleanor McCandless.

(i) Dean McCandless.

(j) Lela McCandless.

(k) Clark McCandless.



- c. Albert McCandless, married Phoebe Gallaher.
  - (a) Dorothy Irene McCandless.
  - (b) Betty Lou McCandless.
  - (c) Ruth Emily McCandless.
- d. Blanche McCandless, married George Snyder, who died in France in the World War, 1918.
- e. Gladys McCandless, married William Reiber.
  - (a) Sarah Louise Reiber.
- D. Clutton McCandless, married ..... Family.
- E. Mary Jane McCandless, deceased, married ..... Family.
- F. Euphemia McCandless, married Ross Mechling. Family.
- G. Calvin McCandless, married ..... Family.
- H. John A. McCandless, Jr., married Dillie Cratty.
  - a. Spurgeon McCandless, died—.
  - b. Ethel McCandless, married Bert Snyder.
    - (a) Garnet Snyder.
    - (b) Ruth Snyder.
    - (c) Carl Snyder.
    - (d) Helen Belle Snyder.
  - c. Ray McCandless, married Alleen Rankin.
    - (a) Dorothy McCandless.
  - d. Alta McCandless.
  - e. Esther McCandless.
- II. Joshua McCandless, Sr., married Lucinda McCandless, daughter of George C. McCandless. See page 92.
  - A. Evander McCandless.
  - B. Hannah Jane McCandless.



- III. Julia Ann McCandless, married Al. Ralston.
- IV. Mary Jane McCandless, married John Stoughton.
  - A. Solomon Stoughton.
  - B. Elizabeth Stoughton, married James Wilson.

### GEORGE C. McCANDLESS

George C. McCandless, the third brother of the "second group of three brothers", and a brother of James and Robert S. McCandless, married Hannah McCandless, a daughter of Moses McCandless. See page 84. They resided on a tract of land later owned by Nick Ifft. They are buried in a private cemetery on their farm. The children were:

- I. Lucinda McCandless, married Joshua McCandless, Sr. See page 91.
- II. Keziah McCandless, married James Garvin.
- III. Mary McCandless, married Nehemiah McCandless, grandson of Robert M. McCandless and son of John T. McCandless. See page 75.
- IV. Ann McCandless, unmarried, deceased.

### JAMES McCANDLESS FROM SCOTLAND

About the same time that the last three McCandless brothers came from Ireland, there also came James McCandless from Scotland. He was a relative of those already here. He settled in Connoquenessing Township, Butler County, Pa., where his grandson, the late Greer McCandless, resided.

1776

In Pennsylvania Archives, 5th Series, Vol. VII, pages 96 and 97, is found a return of Captain Alexander White's Company of the First Battalion of Lancaster County, Pa., under the command of Colonel George Stewart. This return is for the year 1776, and, among others, is the name of one William McCandless. Who he was or where he came from we do not know, but his is one of the earliest mentions of the name as far as we have been able to find out.





## ADDENDA

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### THE JOHN and MARTHA (HUMES) THOMPSON FAMILY

#### Closely Allied with the McCandless Family

John Thompson (1752-1846), the progenitor of the Thompson family of Brady Township, Butler County, Pa., came from the Chartiers Valley, Allegheny County, Pa., and settled on a one thousand acre tract of land one mile north of Muddy Creek on the Butler-Mercer Pike. With him came his wife, Martha Humes (who died in 1861, aged 89 years), and their eleven children. He was a typical pioneer of powerful physique. He became one of the prominent characters of his township where he lived until his death. Their children were: William H., John H., Robert W., Thomas C., Humes, James, Jane, Margaret, Elizabeth, Martha, and Mary.

- I. William H. Thompson, died 1884. In 1828 he married Jane McCandless, daughter of John and Mary Smith McCandless. See page 26. William H. Thompson was six feet five inches tall and was considered the strongest man in Butler County. His home is now known as that of his son, Solomon Thompson, or later as that of his grandson, Charles Thompson, of Brady Township. William H. and his wife, Jane, are buried in the upper cemetery at Muddy Creek Church.

- A. Colonel John M. Thompson.

- B. William G. Thompson.

- C. Solomon Thompson. See page 26.

- II. John H. Thompson, died 1860, married Jane McCandless, daughter of William and Nancy (Fish) McCandless. His home was later known as the farm of his son, Josiah M. Thompson, of Brady Township. He was accidentally drowned while fording the Slippery Rock Creek. See his family under Jane McCandless. Page 50.



- III. Robert W. Thompson, married Frances Craig and had a family of six children. He settled on the farm which was later known as that of his son, Nelson H. Thompson. Robert W. and wife, Frances, are buried in the upper cemetery at Muddy Creek. Her's was the last interment there.

A. Nelson Thompson, married Jessie Kerr.

- IV. Thomas C. Thompson, born 1805. In 1841 he married Sarah McKinney. They resided in West Sunbury, Pa.
- V. Humes Thompson, died 1866, aged 39 years. He married Effie Jane Snyder. They settled on the farm later owned by his only son, John Newton Thompson, who married Clarinda McCandless. See page 49.
- VI. James Thompson, died 1852, married Sarah Ann Patterson. He settled on a farm later known as that of Rev. S. W. Williams, and from there moved to Clay Township.
- VII. Jane Thompson, married ..... Alsworth.
- VIII. Margaret Thompson, married ..... Turk.
- IX. Elizabeth Thompson, married Nathan McCandless, son of William and Nancy (Fish) McCandless. See family under Nathan McCandless, page 42.
- X. Martha Thompson, married John S. McCandless, son of John and Mary Ann (Smith) McCandless. See page 26.
- XI. Mary Thompson, married ..... Cooper.



*We may build more splendid habitations,  
Fill our rooms with paintings and with sculptures,  
But we cannot  
Buy with gold the old associations.*

—THE GOLDEN MILESTONE: LONGFELLOW















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